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## 200+ petitioners sign up for 'fairness,' collide with local realpolitik

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"My biggest thing is I would like to see it go to a fair vote," Scott Harlow said, "and if the vote goes for the county, I'd respect that, and I'd be the first person to shake the sheriff's hand."

"It" in this case is the decision on whether Bethel should disband its more-than-40-year-old Police Department, and contract with Oxford County for police coverage.

The matter appeared settled late on Tuesday, Feb. 9, when a large crowd at a special Town Meeting at Crescent

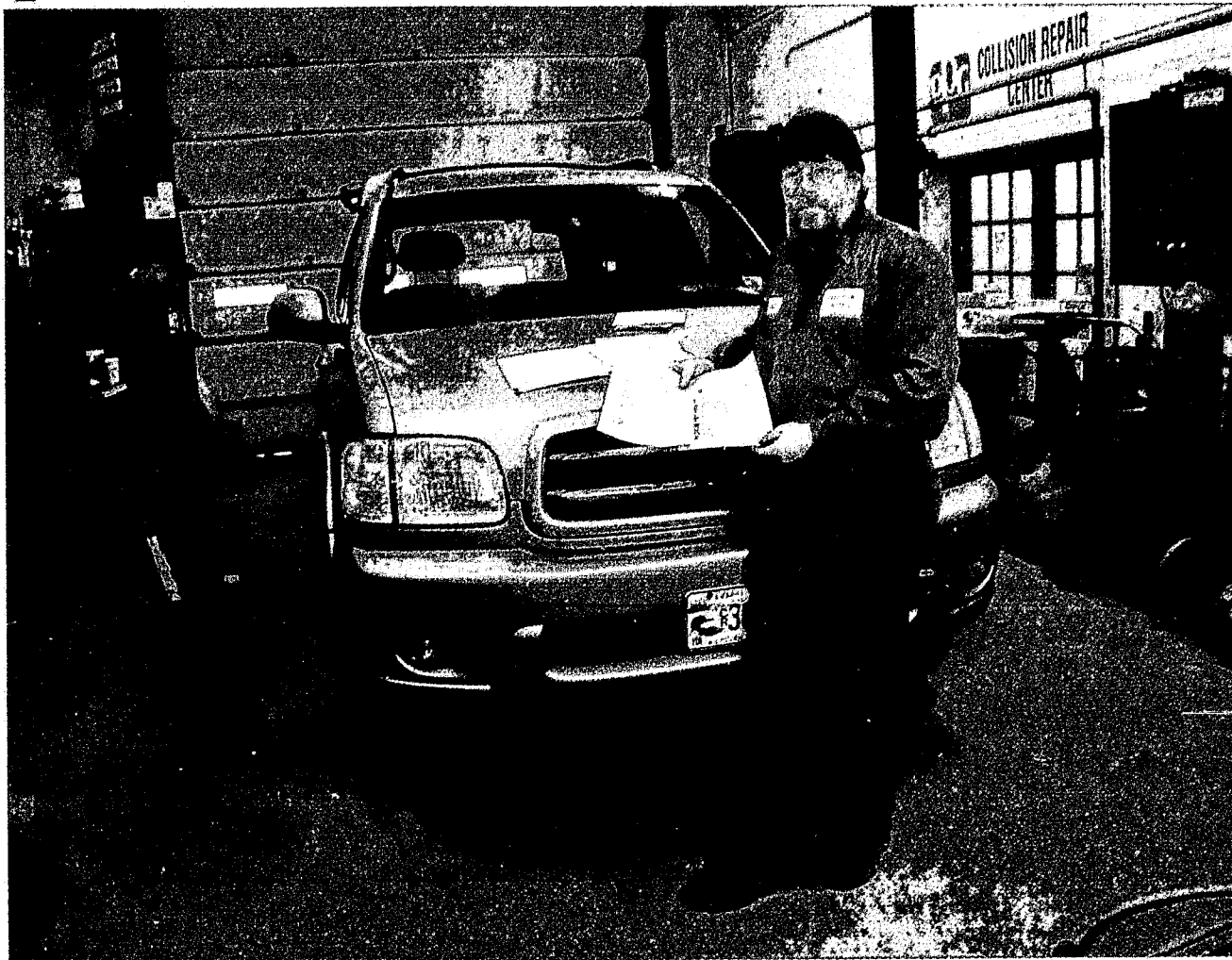
Park School voted narrowly to do just that.

But immediately following that meeting, questions began to be raised about the manner in which the vote had been conducted.

(For more on this, see "Letters," Page 2.)

Critics charged the process was rife with confusion, so much so that many voters ended up casting ballots directly contrary to their intent — and voting for county coverage when they thought they

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**DRIVING FORCE**  
Scott Harlow spent much of his spare time between the Feb. 9 special Town Meeting and Tuesday collecting signatures calling for another vote on the matter of Bethel's police coverage. He ultimately turned in 242 signatures, of which 215 were validated. Despite the Bethel selectmen's apparent dismissal of the action called for in the petition, Harlow said Wednesday the campaign will continue, and he is actively considering his next move.  
(Photo: Daniels)

## Bethel selectmen plan to sign Friday with Oxford County S.D.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Despite the signatures gathered by Scott Harlow, the Bethel Board of Selectmen appears poised to sign a police-coverage contract with Oxford County.

The selectmen took up Harlow's petition at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, which opened with a three-quarter-hour executive session with the town attorney.

Following that, they went into a two-hour open session, which included discussion of the petition by the selectmen and the general public.

The open session kicked off with Selectman Don Bennett motioning to put the coverage question to another vote (as requested by the petition), probably at Bethel's annual Town Meeting in June. Bennett said he believed this was the course suggested as most prudent and politic by the town attorney.

There appeared to be initial sup-

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## Passenger rail on the menu for community networking breakfast

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce hopes to establish a transportation committee, comprised of people interested in such issues, including the possible return of passenger rail service through Bethel.

The move could follow the Feb. 24 Community Networking Breakfast. The monthly breakfast brings together business leaders to discuss common issues and interests.

Next week's breakfast will feature presentations by rail advocates from the Lewiston-

Auburn area, according to Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the BACC.

"The [chamber] board members are looking forward to learning more about the issue at the Networking Breakfast," she said last week. "Our action after the breakfast will be to formalize our own transportation committee, and invite non-board members to join in."

"There may be other transportation issues that our committee will want to officially pursue, such as the Bethel

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## Maine A.G. says Water District must hold public hearing on any trust modifications

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Water District has been directed by the Maine Attorney General's Office to hold a public hearing after a draft proposal for the future of its Newry watershed is complete.

Brent Angevine, chairman of the district's board of trustees, said Tuesday the proposal, which will address four goals set out for the watershed, should be ready within

"a couple of months."

Pursuing those goals would require modification of a trust deed established in 1925 by William Bingham II, who gave the 2,358 acres to the water district.

**Restrictions, goals**

To protect the BWD's water source on the land, Chapman Brook, the trust deed restricted activity on the parcel to just enough wood har-

vesting to pay taxes owed to Newry (approximately \$4,000 currently).

Bingham also stipulated that if the land ever stopped serving as the water source, that it should go to the state to become a park, wildlife sanctuary, game preserve or state forest.

The land stopped serving as a water source in 2007, when a flash flood caused extensive

damage.

Current BWD trustees said last fall they wanted to keep ownership of the watershed as a backup source of water.

They also listed several other goals:

Undertake more wood harvesting, in order to help fund infrastructure improvements and keep water rates low.

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## BWD's forest management criticized, defended

By ALISON ALOISIO

Several letters submitted to the Maine Attorney General's Office continue to question a proposal to modify the Bingham trust deed that governs the BWD watershed.

One writer cites both the past track record of the BWD in managing the watershed's forest, and alleged past political activity by BWD officials as reasons to deny the district's modification request.

Another letter, from the trustees of the philanthropic fund established by William Bingham II, argues that the trust deed remains viable.

**Former selectman comments**

In a December 2009 letter to the Maine Attorney General's office, former Bethel selectman Dutch Dresser expressed his concerns about the BWD's request to alter the Bingham trust deed to allow addition-

al logging in its Newry watershed.

Dresser wrote, "There is substantial irony in this request for a reinterpretation of the Bingham Trust Deed. A reasonable case could be made that the land lost its value as a water source due to mismanagement by the very group which hopes to gain possession contrary to the expressed wishes of the deceased..."

"Questionable forestry man-

agement practices employed by the district not only could have been in violation of Mr. Bingham's wishes but could also have left the parcel vulnerable to the torrential rains which forever spoiled its usefulness as a grandfathered open water source."

Dresser did not cite specific examples of forestry mismanagement.

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## MHS volunteer and racer remembered for living, giving and skiing to the fullest

By TERRY KARKOS,  
And Citizen staff

A young Kennebunk man who "worked hard and played hard" despite losing a leg two years ago in a motorcycle accident, died last Thursday doing what he loved: free-skiing.

Maine Handicapped Skiing volunteer and racer Ryan Fitzpatrick, 25, died en route to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway of injuries suffered when he skied into trees

off Right Stuff, a black-diamond trail on Barker Mountain at Sunday River Ski Resort, officials said. The accident occurred at 10:22 a.m., a resort spokesman said.

**Touched many lives**  
In his time here, Fitzpatrick touched many lives, according to MHS Director of Outreach Eric Topper.

"No one person better personifies who we are and what we do at MHS than Ryan Fitzpatrick," said Topper. "In just

two seasons, Ryan experienced the whole spectrum of what is possible, from student to instructor to accomplished alpine racer and ambassador. Most importantly though, his vivacious personality and infectious zest for life fed many of us to consider him a valued friend. He was a huge part of the MHS family and will be deeply missed."

A lifelong skier, Fitzpatrick

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**MORE THAN AN INSTRUCTOR**—10-year-old Tyler of Bethel lost his leg to cancer last year and came to Maine Handicapped Skiing hoping to learn to snowboard. Despite Ryan Fitzpatrick's own strong desire for speed and skiing advanced terrain, one of the highlights of his week was the many hours he spent standing on lower Sundance each Wednesday teaching and working with Tyler, according to Eric Topper, MHS Director of Outreach. "More than just a snowboarding instructor, Ryan provided Tyler and his family with a supportive adult and outstanding role model for a child still dealing with tremendous adversity," Topper said.  
(Photo: D. Kamila)

### Night Out! Kids Eat FREE!

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# Letters

## BOILS DOWN TO A LAND GRAB

### To the Editor:

The article in the Lewiston Sun Journal of Monday, Feb. 8, with the heading "Newry lease under scrutiny" sheds a great deal of very bright light on matters concerning the William Bingham II Trust of 1925.

Without putting too fine a point on the matter, it would seem that the Bethel Water District (BWD) is simply out to grab the land.

It is my understanding that Bingham did not give the land to what is now the BWD to be used as a source of income for whatever purpose fits the district's current agenda. If the land is not used as a source of clean drinking water for the town of Bethel, then in accordance with the terms of the trust as I understand them, that land is to be ceded to the State of Maine to be used as the trust stipulates. Attempting to change the terms of the trust to fit the district's desires is nothing more than an unethical land grab.

The lease of the 8.5 acres to Sunday River beginning in 1961 also raises multitudes of ethical, if not legal questions.

Yes, I realize that changing the terms of the trust, if that is even possible, to allow timber harvest above that needed to pay the taxes or for leases or other purposes not stipulated in the trust, is very attractive.

But the land was not given to be a source of income to be used for rate reduction, capital improvements or whatever project needs doing.

Even if the terms of the trust can be changed legally that does not mean they should be.

If the state does not want the land and keep it in perpetuity as a public game preserve, State Park, or state forest reserve as stipulated, then let the state and their attorney determine the ultimate fate of the land even if that means reverting ownership back to the heirs of William Bingham II.

Come on BWD, live up not only to the letter of the Bingham II Trust but also the spirit of that trust. Since the trust land is no longer being used as a source of clean drinking water for the town of Bethel, cede it to the state in adherence with the terms of the trust.

In any event, the Bethel Water District and by association the town of Bethel, should be seen as taking the high ethical road and adhere to the spirit of William Bingham II's trust and not use legal maneuvering to circumvent his wishes. Also what message does non-adherence to the terms of the trust or legally circumventing those terms say to others who may wish to give or convey lands for public use?

Martin "Bud" Kulik  
Bethel

## WESTERN MAINE MATTERS

### To the Editor:

I am a member of Western Maine Matters. We are residents of Oxford, Franklin and Somerset counties, including retired military personnel. We have been very involved in becoming thoroughly informed about the Air National Guard's (ANG) proposal to lower the ceiling of flights from 7,000 feet to 500 feet (the Condor proposal).

It should be noted that besides the change of altitude there are other changes. Currently the fighter jets that we hear over us are flying in a straight predictable course. Their proposal is such that there would be multiple planes in the same area practicing intercept flying dropping from 7,000 to just 500 feet above us along with the use of chaffs and flares.

And they are proposing to expand the Condor I and II areas. This proposed change would also open our skies to other military divisions, some with larger and louder planes.

Western Maine Matters has been analyzing the Guard's Draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and have found it to be incomplete and fails to meet minimum standards for adequate research.

Their DEIS contains errors, omissions and unsupported conclusions related to flight safety, environmental damage and our economy — which depends heavily on tourism.

We are very pleased that both the Maine House and Senate are in agreement with our concerns and have passed a bipartisan Joint Resolution.

The Resolution expresses dissatisfaction with the present modification and hearing process; urges our Maine Congressional Delegation to request action by the FAA be delayed until the DEIS is complete and addresses the concerns listed. In addition they call upon the Maine Congressional Delegation to urge the FAA to hold hearings in Maine.

As The Citizen's editor has pointed out, the final decision rests with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Usually the FAA does not go to the state that is being impacted.

We feel it is imperative that they hear directly from Maine citizens and are requesting that public hearings be held in Maine. We are urging Senators Snowe and Collins and Rep. Michaud to apply pressure on the FAA to comply with this request.

Western Maine Matters is a grassroots member-led group. We have an informational website: [www.westernmainematters.org](http://www.westernmainematters.org).

If you'd like to be on our e-mail list for updates and messages write to: [info@westernmainematters.org](mailto:info@westernmainematters.org).

Emily Ecker  
Woodstock

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### LET'S DO IT RIGHT

#### To the Editor:

Citizens of Bethel; if you were among the 200 or so who attended the special Town Meeting on Feb. 9, 2010, I am sure you did so out of concern over the issues at hand. Great! This is the way it should be done and the outcome determined by a vote. In regard to the manner in which the keeping or dismantling our Police Department was handled, I must say I am more than a little concerned. We were all handed the usual cards to hold up, which we did when it came to the vote on repairing the fire station roof. No problem here. Then it was announced that the vote on the Police issue would be done by secret ballot. First hint of confusion. Why? A show of cards and a count seems to work for everything else at a public Town Meeting including the first time a while ago when we first voted on this same issue.

So now we find ourselves some 193 strong standing in line to vote. Not sure what part of this consists of secret. After all, the only people who would know as how you voted would be those just behind or in front of you or the three women at the voting table handing out ballots and tending the ballot box.

Here comes the confusing part. No explanation on the ballot, only a place to check 'Yes' or 'No.' In the noisy din of 200-plus people, I had to ask twice what way to vote if you wanted to maintain the Police Department or to go with the Sheriff Department. An explanation on the ballot itself would have been appreciated. I am sure I got it right in the end. My wife ahead of me and my daughter-in-law behind me in the line told me afterward that they were confused and had to ask what a 'Yes' or 'No' vote on the issue at hand stood for.

Now, fast forward a couple days and the dust usually settles. It soon became apparent that this confusion over the way 'Yes' or 'No' were interpreted was very widespread and many people were upset by it. A petition voicing this concern is being circulated, and I feel with valid reason. The results so far have indicated that some people voted unknowingly for just the opposite from what they intended to do. It also indicated confusion on both sides. It has been signed also by citizens who voted for the Sheriff's Department but also know in all fairness it was unfairly presented and its outcome likely somewhat tainted.

In closing, it goes without saying that it is human nature to feel disappointment when things do not turn out perhaps as one had hoped. This was as you might have surmised the case with me. I will get over it. What is more disappointing is the fact that many on both sides of the issue did not have a clear interpretation of the 'Yes' or 'No' vote they cast. Someone told me that Dutch Dresser, our moderator, made an announcement regarding this after the line formed and voting began. I have yet to speak with anyone who heard this over the hubbub generated by 200 people. All the folks I have talked to agreed that whatever happens, Police Department or Sheriff's, we will accept and support either one. This is how our democratic society works.

The hitch is we need to feel that the process works with no hint of unfairness. In this case, I personally feel that, albeit with good intentions, the manner of voting was a flawed process and could and should be addressed and corrected. Let's do it right and either way, we will all live with the results.

Eric T. Wight  
Bethel

(The writer is a former chief of the Bethel Police Department.)

## RUSHED, CONFUSING, QUITE UNFAIR

#### To the Editor:

In the Bethel Police Department hangs a wooden picture frame. Within this frame there are badges and a portrait of a man who was our first Police Chief. This man gave his every waking moment, life, and sacrificed many family events to this position. He built the Bethel Police Department with his faith, trust, compassion, integrity, and perseverance. Many times policies were debated with our town fathers about how the department should function and how important the service was to our community's future.

Many people in this community had occasion to consult with him in both a professional and personal level. He became your counselor, your sounding board, your confidant, your advisor, a friend, and your servant as a police chief. He and the department were praised when things ran smoothly to the satisfaction of all involved and ridiculed when it appeared that nothing was being done. A police officer's job can be a thankless job as well as demanding. Having seen both sides, it is not an easy occupation to commit to.

His office was a drawer in the Town Office, which he checked daily. He worked from his home, making the den into a workable office. His hours were eight on patrol but on call 24 hours per day. Every time he stepped out on duty, he wore his uniform with pride. Even in his personal time, he had to represent the department with appropriate attire. He was reprimanded if he went to town in his home work clothes. You see a police officer's life is not his own. He is constantly being judged even in his personal time.

He established a working relationship with the State Police and the Oxford County sheriffs. These three units learned how to work together for the good of the people under his encouragement. All three were necessary to maintain a balance in our community. Each unit gave aid when called upon. All three are necessary to make our community a safer place to live, work, and play. Even more so in the aftermath of crimes being committed in our community.

This man was my father, Chief Robert G. Stearns. As I sat at the Town Meeting on Feb. 9 and listened to the comments of some citizens, I thought: what would he have said, what would he have done, what words of wisdom would he have spoken, and would he have been allowed to speak? Our police officers were not asked to speak or rebut any accusations. There are always two sides to every story. How sad!

I feel that the whole process was rushed, debate and comments were cut short, and the secret ballot wording was confusing. The entire process was quite unfair and hasty. The outcome was devastating and upsetting to me personally. The very legacy that my father left behind to this community was destroyed by a few people. I believe that there was more information that needed to be revealed to the citizens. I could compare the night to that of an old-fashioned lynching mob: Let's get the Bethel Police Department, after all, our problems and poor choices are all the department's fault.

My father passed away 22 years ago. His spirit lived on in his accomplishments of what he had so strongly believed in and the service of our police provided to our citizens and community. One person mentioned that he was nothing more than a night watchman. Those of you who knew the job he did, know it was so much more. He sacrificed a great deal and when he retired trusted that the future of Bethel Police Department had been well established.

The outcome of the other night destroyed what he had worked so hard to have in place. His work and memory was killed yet again after 22 years by just a few voters from our community. Along with it went my trust in the wisdom of this community's thinking.

The portrait and badges will be returned to his family, as I have been assured by a Bethel police officer. Chief Stearns' family will find a place of honor for it to be displayed. I only hope the community does not regret the hasty decision that was made. I wonder what the results would have been if the question was put forth on the ballot at town elections.

Debra A. Stearns  
Bethel

## IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL

#### To the Editor:

I am thankful that we live in a democracy where wrongs are able to be addressed. I am also grateful that a statute exists whereby its citizens can legally address these wrongs. Such is the case regarding the recent vote in the town of Bethel on whether or not to have the Oxford County Sheriff's office provide law enforcement for our community.

This letter has very little to do with whether the above-named law-enforcement agency provides protection for the residents of Bethel. This letter is, however, written because so many of the registered voters misunderstood the wording on the ballot and voted contrary to their intentions. They are rightfully upset and very angry. Having the vote so very close, 105 to 89, increases their dissatisfaction.

Those who drew up the ballot and presented the information were so familiar with the material that I sincerely hope it was never their intention that others would or could become confused.

When the informational part of the meeting concluded, the town clerk announced that the registered voters were to form a line to pick up their ballots and vote. There was confusion at that area as well with folks trying to figure out how they should vote. It was too fast and hurried without enough accountability.

Once the announcement to form the voting line was issued there was naturally a lot of noise, with people moving around and talking. Dr. Dresser, our moderator, over the noise and confusion, tried to tell everyone that a 'yes' vote was for Oxford County Law Enforcement and a 'no' vote was for the Bethel Police Department. I am also sure, for I sat in the front, that only those in the very front heard him and those only directly in front of him at that. Dresser was striving for clarity and it got lost in the noise.

For this reason I want another vote. The results may still be the same but it would at least be fair and square with everyone understanding this most important step Bethel is taking and then peace would settle on our community knowing the results were a true reflection of what Bethel desired, for without it I can assure you there will be continual discord.

Bethel deserves clarity on the issue for all its residents and taxpaying citizens. It's not a done deal folks, until a fair vote comes in.

Pat Carter  
Intervale Road, Bethel

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

#### To the Editor:

World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 5, 2010. A worship service hosted by the Bethel United Methodist Church and the Bethel Episcopal House Church will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Garland Chapel of the West Parish Congregational Church UCC. The service theme, "Let everything that has breath praise God," was written by the women of Cameroon, Africa. Refreshments will follow. The snow date is Friday, March 12. For more information, please call 824-3226 or 824-2483. Everyone in the area is welcome to come. Please join us.

Caroline V. Gould and Musa Brown  
Bethel

# Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

**10 years ago:** The Snow-Max Sled Park — offering sled rides of up to 50 miles per hour — opened at Mt. Abram.

Jeff Hutchins, Denny Wheeler, Keith Davis, Mike Richards, and Fred Corriveau took an eight-day, 1,400-mile snowmobile trip from Bethel to New Brunswick, Canada and back.

Freeze-ups at Crescent Park School resulted in pipes bursting and sprinkler systems going off in the conference room and composite room.

Deaths: Paula M. Howe, Irwin W. Ellingwood, Lucille Devlin Bean, Lura Belle Guy, J. Maynard Austin, Hilda M. Roberts, Pearl Cox Bowman, Leland E. Kimball.

**20 years ago:** Bethel was one of 20 Maine towns awarded a portion of a \$5.5 million Community Development Block Grant.

Patrick Harrington of Greenwood was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at a court of honor held at Telstar High School.

The Telstar High School Nordic skiers came in second in the MVC championships.

Births: Kristy Lynn Anthony, Travis Matthew Johnson, Zachary Warren Hastings, Lindsey Ann Barnard Nelson.

Deaths: Timothy Morrill, Ivory P. Currier, Katherine Dolloff Robertson.

**30 years ago:** Bethel Winter Carnival was underway; events included an ice fishing derby, "Auntie Mame" presented by Gould Academy students, and a "Who Traveled the Furthest" contest.

Telstar Middle School students presented a Variety Show.

"The Trials of Tillie Tooth or Frank Fluoride to the Rescue" was presented by Mrs. McClusky's second grade at Ethel Bisbee School.

Births: Brent Albert Lake, Teri Chadbourne.

Deaths: Wallace F. Coolidge, Mrs. Carolyn M. Taylor, Mrs. Charlotte Van Beausoleil, Mrs. Helena H. Bean, Mrs. Violet V. Fraser.

**40 years ago:** The Dramatic Group of Telstar Regional High School presented two one-act plays, "The Sandbox" and "the Leader."

Susan Pierce of Carmel was crowned queen of the Gould Academy Winter Carnival in an outdoor torchlight ceremony.

Shirley Chase, South Bethel, was shaken up and bruised when the large tractor he was operating on the icy Sunday Punch Trail at Sunday River Skiway tipped over on its side.

**50 years ago:** The Bethel Auxiliary of the Rumford Community Hospital held a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. Chester Knowles.

Birth: Roy Ordel Noyes. Deaths: Paul Robillard, Jr., Hollis W. Morse.

**60 years ago:** Bethel village schools closed at noon because of a 12-inch snowfall.

**70 years ago:** The Bethel PTA voted to buy a brass horn, cymbals, and bass drum for the grammar school orchestra.

Deaths: Porter Farwell, M. A. Paine.

**80 years ago:** A meeting of voters of Bethel, Hanover, Newry, Grafton and Upton was held at Bear River Grange Hall to learn about the Three Town Act to enable towns to receive more help in State Aid road work.

In a game at Bethel Gould Academy defeated Bridgton High School 40-7.

Deaths: Mrs. Harriet Herick, Mrs. Alfred Hobbs, Mrs. Carrie Arno, Daniel E. Bennett.

**90 years ago:** The Bethel Board of Health stopped all public gatherings and urged caution because of the prevalence of influenza.

John Westleigh of Mason received from the West a horse weighing 1,800 pounds.

**100 years ago:** J.E. Stephens, dealer in Reo and Maxwell automobiles held an auto show at Rumford.

**110 years ago:** Prof. Scott Wight finished his classes in music in Canton, Mechanic Falls, and Minot.

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## Letters, Continued

### G.O.P. TOWN CAUSUSES

#### To the Editor:

All registered Republicans in Albany, Bethel, Gilead, Newry and Upton are cordially invited to gather at Crescent Park School's cafeteria for their respective town caucus to be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010. At that time, a caucus chairman and secretary for each town will be elected, followed by town committee officers, county committee delegates and delegates and alternates to the 2010 Republican State Convention. A parliamentary guide such as Roberts Rules of Order and a parliamentarian may also be approved by those in attendance. Republican ballot clerks for the various towns may be selected as well. The bylaws for each town committee may also be reviewed and reaffirmed.

The town of Hanover's Republican caucus will also be held on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the home of Paul and Lynn Ramsey, 20 Howard Pond Road, Hanover at 7 p.m.

Lincoln Plantation and Magalloway Plantation will hold a joint Republican caucus on Friday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Magalloway Fire Department.

I hope all Republicans in these towns will make an effort to attend their respective caucus.

Stan Howe

Secretary, Bethel Republican Town Committee

### M.H.S. X-C THANKS

#### To the Editor:

Many thanks to Ann and Dave Carter, who have hosted Maine Handicapped Skiing's XC and snowshoeing program for the past two Thursdays.

The program is held at Wilderness House, Sunday River, or on Thursdays at Pineland Farms, New Gloucester. However, due to lack of snow MHS moved the program to Carter's, Oxford, so that participants, who are unable to travel the distance from Portland to Sunday River, are still able to attend.

Ann has welcomed us warmly, opening the center early and charging participants nothing. Thanks Ann and Dave for your foresight and generosity.

For many people MHS is the highlight of their week, indeed their recreation both winter and summer. Remember to give generously to the Ski-a-Thon at Wilderness House and Sunday River on March 27, 2010.

Saranne Taylor

Coordinator, MHS Nordic Program

### TELSTAR SIGN THANKS

#### To the Editor:

As part of Telstar 40th Anniversary celebration during the 2008-2009 school year, funds were raised for a new Telstar Complex "message sign" to announce school and community events.

Our new sign has been installed and began its promotional operations in December.

Over a 18-month period, enough funds were raised so that 100 percent of the new sign's cost was paid in full by donations. As a token of appreciation to the many individuals and businesses, Dr. Murphy, SAD44 superintendent; Mrs. Schroeder, TMS principal; and I plan to display a donors' recognition plaque in the Telstar Complex.

On behalf of the students, staff and administration at Telstar Middle and High School, I wish to extend our gratitude to the following individuals and businesses for contributing to our school spirit and pride: Brooks Bros., Inc., Currier Electric, Inc., Friends of Telstar, Grover Gundrilling, Inc., Hanaford, Dan and Julie Hart, Paul Hart, Wayne and Marilyn Howe, Maine Line Products, David and Nancy Murphy, Family of Charles and Cathy Newell, Oxford County Federal Credit Union, Oxford County Gem & Mineral Association, Bruce and Shirley Powell, Rainbow Credit Union, Riverview Condominiums & Resort, Rueter & Smith Associates, SAD44 Adult Education, Savage Contracting, Inc., S.S. Milton Restaurant, Sunday River Charitable Fund, Telstar Alumni Association, Telstar Athletic Boosters, Telstar Football Boosters, Telstar High School Sweatshirt Fund, Telstar High School Yearbook Staff, Telstar Middle School Student Council, Wal-Mart, Western Maine Supply Co., Steve and Peggy Wight, D.A. Wilson Construction Co., and Doug and Robin Zinchuk Roofing.

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Telstar High School Principal

### Ryan

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lost his lower leg in a motorcycle accident in 2008. After rehabbing at Orthopedic Associates and the Parisi Speed School, he started taking ski and snowboard lessons last winter with MHS at Sunday River.

"After just a handful of lessons, Ryan showed enormous potential for skiing, as well as for teaching and helping others," Topper said.

This fall Fitzpatrick got a job and a place to live at the Shipyard Brew Haus at Whitecap, Topper said, and was trained as an MHS instructor. He also joined the MHS adaptive alpine race team that trains at Sunday River and represents MHS and the mountain throughout New England.

"Ryan's intense work ethic and desire to get better technically helped him quickly become one of the fastest skiers in his age group, even among able-bodied racers, in both race leagues," Topper recalled.

"He was a favorite student of countless MHS instructors and coaches, and a favorite instructor for many MHS students.

"Despite his own passion for free skiing and speed, he was just as excited to stand around on Sundance for hours at a time teaching others," Topper said.

"Ryan had overcome tremendous challenge and adversity in his own life, and he was one of those rare individuals who was just as effective as a role model as he was as a ski instructor."

#### 'A spectacular kid'

Tony Lawless was Fitzpatrick's friend as well as a coach at MHS.

He called the young man "a spectacular kid."

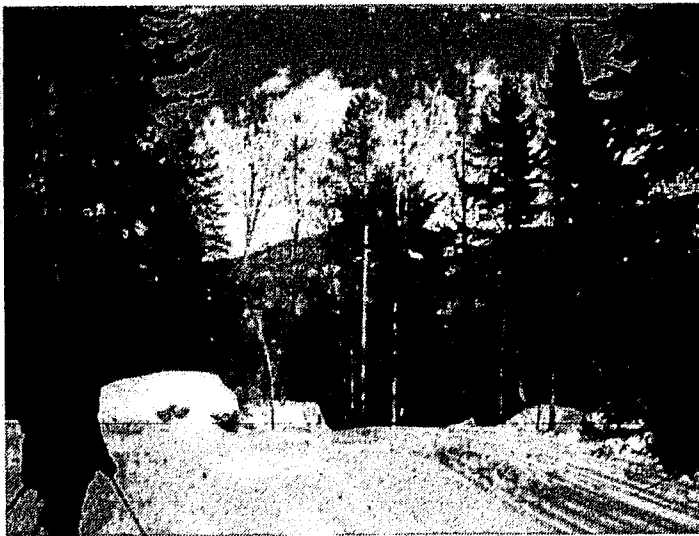
"When Ryan came to MHS we connected immediately, because we both shared the same interests, had the same lower leg amputation, and like to live life as enthusiastically as possible, despite the physical challenges we both faced," Lawless said.

Ryan was one of the most positive people at MHS. Despite the loss of his lower leg, he embraced adaptive skiing with great enthusiasm and was thrilled to be part of the race team.

"He showed great potential as both a racer and as a coach to other adaptive skiers."

"He could be found on an almost daily basis at MHS, working with other disabled participants, helping them to ski or snowboard," Lawless said, "but most importantly showing them that if life throws you a curve ball, you just go with it, adapt, and work around it."

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## BWD

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Clear up the legal status of a long-standing land lease with Sunday River Ski Resort as it relates to the trust.

Allow public access for trails and recreation.

**Precedent worries**  
The proposal prompted concerns among some local municipal and conservation officials.

Some were hesitant to modify the trust deed because, they said, it might set a precedent that would make landowners unwilling to put their faith in such trusts as a way to protect their land in the future.

**Steps**  
The question of the trust must be settled by a judge. In order to settle it, two steps must take place:

The Maine Attorney General's Office must prepare a court complaint outlining several violations of the trust by BWD. A draft of such a complaint draft alleges that the BWD is in violation of the trust because the land is not being used as a water supply; that the land lease to Sunday River is a violation; and that the proposal by the BWD's Board of Trustees to increase timber harvesting for capital improvements would also be a violation.

An agreement proposal between the BWD and the AG to settle those issues must be worked out.

When the two documents are completed, both will be filed in Oxford County Superior Court.

At the BWD board's monthly meeting Tuesday, Angevine said he had met recently with

Asst. Attorney General Linda Conti to discuss the goals and process.

Once an agreement proposal is crafted, Angevine said, "she wants us to have a public hearing, and invite the Newry and Bethel selectmen, and all other interested parties, and take public and written comment."

After that, he said, "it will go to court and it's up to the judge at that point, unless we don't agree with her findings."

Conti had recommended that the BWD hire its own lawyer for the case.

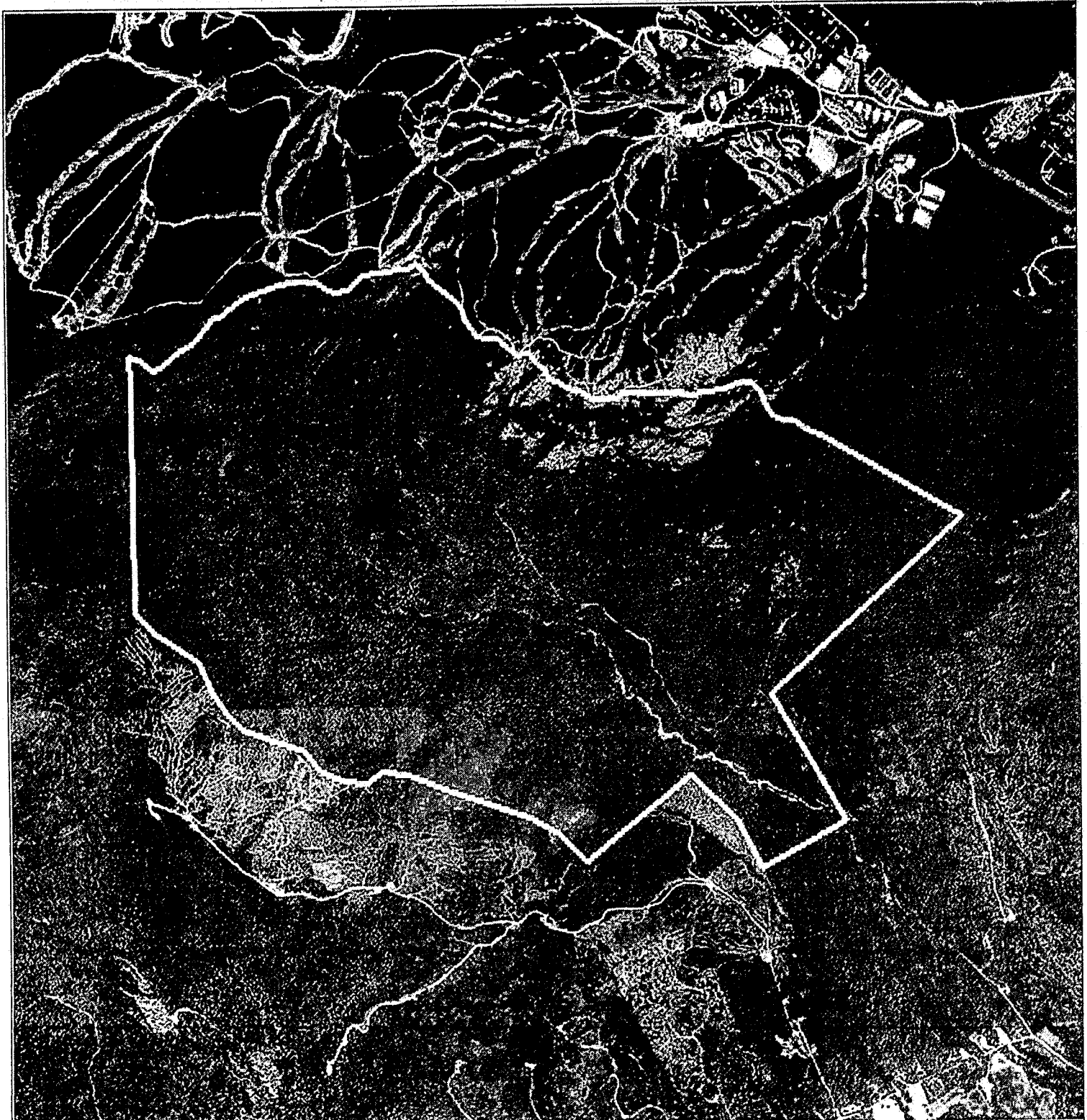
But trustees had already ruled that out, Angevine said. "We just don't have the money," he said.

"If we did, I think we'd have a hard job justifying the expense," said trustee Reggie Brown.

**MLT meets with AAG**  
Several members of one organization that had concerns about a modification met last week with Conti.

Steve Wight, president of the Mahoosuc Land Trust's Board of Trustees, said Tuesday that Conti did not describe what the nature of her proposal would be, "except to say that in cases like these the state likes to see land left in local control and the donor's wishes followed as closely as possible."

(Note: The writer is married to Joe Aloisio, a member of the Mahoosuc Land Trust Board of Trustees. He also is the engineer for Sunday River Ski Resort, which leases land from the BWD.)



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**BWD WATERSHED**—A 2007 aerial map of the Bethel Water District's watershed parcel, most of which is located in Newry. Sunday River Ski Resort trails are visible at the top. An 8.5 acre section of the land is leased from BWD by Sunday River. The Maine Attorney General's Office has said the lease may be illegal under the trust. The Bethel portion of the BWD land juts out to the lower right. (map courtesy Sherm Small)

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## The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I know on a few occasions I have picked on the guys a little bit and on a few occasions they deserved it, but I'm here to tell you that there are some occasions where they get very high marks from me.

For example, guys can do things; fix-it type things I mean.

It's strange, but I think it's the same testosterone that makes guys so flaky that also makes them so mechanically inclined. I don't think it's anything that they actually learn as they are growing up. It just seems that once they reach a certain age you can depend on them to fix things that need fixing, not always when you want them fixed, but at least they seem to have a working knowledge of what's broke.

Since my husband had a stroke I have come to realize how many things he used to fix that I don't have a clue about. I always took it for granted that if something didn't work or something needed to be made, he would just do it. Though it was usually on his terms, in his own good time and with a lot of nagging by me, but it eventually would get done.

Now I find myself dependent on the kindness and availability of other guys, primarily my son and son-in-law.

When my husband was in the hospital several years ago I was faced with the challenge of building a wheelchair ramp for the front steps. The hospital gave me a diagram on how to build one which went into slope or grade, angles

and strength. They might just as well have given me directions in Greek because it was all gobbledygook, it didn't mean a thing to me. I was in a near state of panic figuring I would never be able to bring Henry home from the hospital because I wouldn't be able to get him into the house.

**I sure wish I had some of that basic testosterone induced mechanical knowledge**

I called my son Doug and asked him about putting a sheet of plywood over the steps. Well, stupid me, what did I know about bending in the middle or how steep a slope that would create. Fortunately Doug showed up with wood and tools and created a portable wheelchair ramp. I didn't even complain that it weighed 3,000 pounds and takes three men and a boy to put it in place. The fact is, he knew how to make one and I didn't.

If something goes wrong with a woman's car, she doesn't ask another woman what might be wrong with it; she asks a guy. And that guy will probably have a pretty good idea what the problem is. In fact, if she asks another guy and yet another guy, they will all have an idea too; only they won't necessarily be the same idea.

I sure wish I had some of that basic testosterone induced mechanical knowledge; then maybe I would

be able to hang my new clock. Putting a clock up sounds like a pretty simple procedure, but I have been told, by guys, that because the clock is heavy, I can't just pound a nail into the wall and hang the darn thing. They say I have to know where the studs are so the clock will have some support. What studs? Where? How do I find them? They also said something about molly bolts or lollybolts or maybe it was anchor bolts. See what I mean? Guys just know that sort of thing.

That's not to say that some women are not mechanically inclined. There are some women who actually have as good if not better aptitudes for fixing things than men. But let's face it ladies, those women are the exception. Most of us don't know a socket from a ratchet and have no desire to learn. After all, we do everything else, why should we be expected to be mechanics and carpenters too?

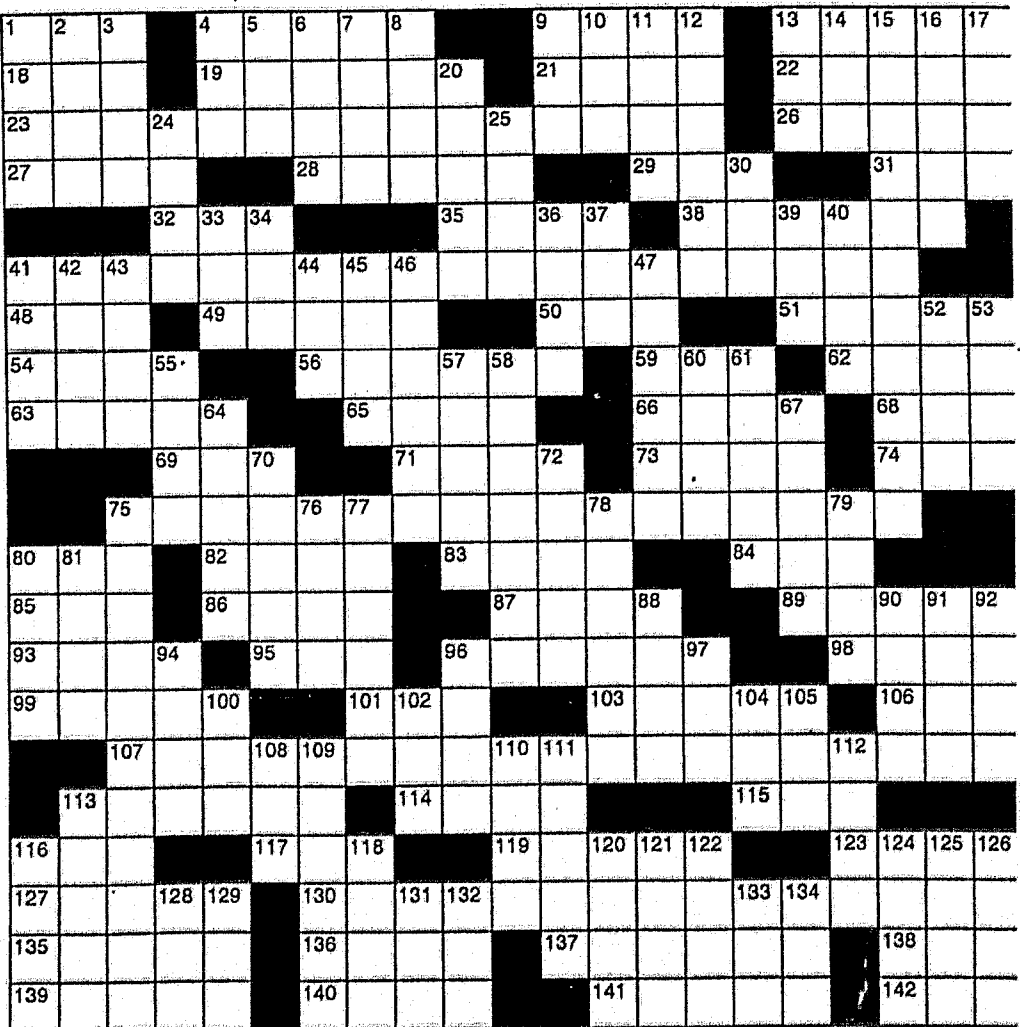
I think men's ability to fix things and build things is their little insurance policy that us women will always need them for something. And they're right, we do, or at least I do.

The way I see it, if any of you guys are feeling not needed or your masculinity is being threatened by independent women, come on over to my place. I have a clock to be hung, a faucet that drips, a door that sticks and a car that ticks and a wheelchair ramp that needs an upgrade. I can promise you that you will never feel as needed.

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# Rail

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Airport expansion plans and others."

She said the chamber has been asked to help the Bethel Airport Authority with a "study phase."

## Rail

Upgraded rail service could potentially allow the area to tap the high population centers of Montreal, Portland and Boston.

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Co. currently provides freight service on the track between Portland and Montreal.

In December the Maine Department of Transportation held a hearing in Lewiston on a state rail plan study.

The hearing presented preliminary findings on the potential for freight and passenger service expansion in the state.

But many Lewiston-Auburn area businesspeople expressed frustration that MDOT is working on proposals for improved rail service from Portland to Brunswick and Fryeburg, but there is no comparable proposal for L-A.

Plans are in the works to rehabilitate freight track between Portland and Brunswick, in order to extend Amtrak passenger service there.

A connection could later be made along the Brunswick route to Auburn, MDOT officials said.

Another plan calls for the restoration of the abandoned Mountain Division rail line that connects Portland to Fryeburg.

Zinchuk, who attended the hearing, asked why the abandoned Fryeburg track had been chosen for possible upgrade, "when Bethel sits more strategically, and there's been more investment made in terms of world-class recreational opportunities. It also sits halfway between Boston and Montreal."

MDOT officials said the Fryeburg proposal was primarily for freight, at least in the short term.

Zinchuk suggested at the hearing the Bethel region might team up with L-A to advocate for the Portland to Montreal track.

On Monday Zinchuk said that anyone interested in joining the transportation committee is invited to the Feb. 24 breakfast, to be held at the Sudbury Inn at 7:30 a.m.

RSVPs are needed by Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 824-2282. Non-chamber members and community members are welcome, she said. The cost is \$8.

## Fryeburg view

David Knapp, chairman of the Fryeburg area committee that has advocated for rail service there, said in a guest column in Sunday's Sun Journal that the committee hopes expanded rail service in Maine "will not only connect our Route 113 towns with Portland, but with Vermont, Montreal, Boston and Lewiston-Auburn."

"The fact that the Mountain Division originates in Portland, connects to the Portland Transportation Center (the home of the Downeaster and interstate bus service), continues into New Hampshire (and beyond), has an already viable excursion rail service operating on it in New Hampshire (the Conway Scenic Railroad) makes the opportunities to connect from Boston to Portland to Fryeburg and beyond intuitively sensible when considering priorities within the state's rail plan," Knapp wrote.

He encouraged residents of the Lewiston-Auburn region "to support, rather than detract, from ongoing alternative transportation initiatives across the state, wherever and whenever they are proposed."

# Petition

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**BPD VOTED OUT?**—Bethel residents listen as the results of last week's special Town Meeting vote on police protection in Bethel are announced. Seated at center is Eric Wight, a former Bethel police chief. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

were casting a ballot in support of the current Bethel Police Department.

The confusion, Harlow said, stemmed from two main factors: too few warrants, and too little information about what the stark — 'yes' or 'no' — checkboxes on the ballot actually meant.

A hundred warrants had been prepared for the meeting. ("The number we prepare for annual Town Meetings," Town Clerk Christen Mason said later.)

But the hot-button police issue drew nearly twice that many people to last week's meeting.

As a result, Harlow said, "If you walked in toward the end, you didn't get one."

Everyone did get a ballot, but that was of little help.

"It was absolutely blank,

except for a box for 'yes' and a box for 'no.'" Harlow said. "There was nothing there to explain to you what you were checking."

The vote came roughly an hour into the meeting, and the comments during that hour had generally been in support of the BPD.

"We spent the evening talking about 'save our Bethel police,'" Harlow said, "so we had 'yes' stuck in our minds — just a lot of confusion."

That confusion persisted despite two explanations by moderator Harry "Dutch" Dresser, that a 'yes' vote meant they'd be approving the county coverage and a 'no' vote was to keep the BPD.

When the votes were tallied and the 104-89 outcome announced, Harlow said, "quite a few people were really

shocked, and so was I."

But Harlow soon turned that shock to action. He began collecting signatures on a citizens' petition demanding a re-vote.

For such a petition to have standing, he needed to collect a total equal to 10 percent of the number of signatures as there were Bethel voters in the last gubernatorial election, in this case 168.

By last Friday, Harlow was more than half the way there, and on Tuesday he presented the petition to Mason, with 242 signatures, of which 215 were validated.

As of Wednesday morning, however, it appeared that despite the many signatures, — and barring further developments — there would be no re-vote on the police coverage question (Sidebar, Page 1).

## From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, Feb. 15

At 4:17 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence to assist a resident with a Lifeline system. The problem proved to be with the telephone.

Saturday, Feb. 13

At 1 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Mason Street for a noise complaint. On arrival the officer found the noise was caused by subjects trying to make another subject leave a residence. The officer removed him and arrangements were made for a ride.

At 4:25 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach took a report of the theft of a wallet at a business.

Friday, Feb. 12

At 10:15 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence for a report of an assault. One subject had a laceration to his lip, but refused medical treatment. Joan Ferguson was arrested for domestic assault after becoming uncooperative with the officer.

Thursday, Feb. 11

At 2:34 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the Sunset Road for a report of a property-damage accident.

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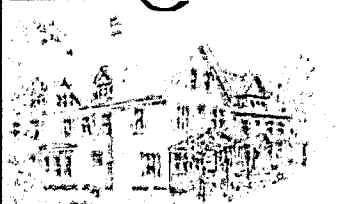
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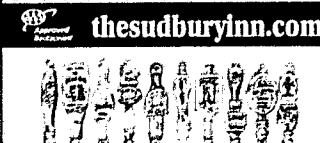
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# Bethel



by Nancy Brown

"Portland Monthly Magazine" features several Bethel area restaurants and bars in their Winterguide 2010 issue. Included in an article titled "Hot Shots" about locally inspired cocktails are the Matterhorn and the Funky Red Barn in Bethel and the Loose Boots Lounge at Mt. Abram. In a feature article, "Mountain Madness," Sunday River is noted as a longtime "skiing Mecca" and Mt. Abram is singled out for its "full-moon hikes to the summit, where a bonfire awaits starry-eyed expeditioners." Mentioned as nighttime entertainment hotspots are The Jolly Drayman, The Suds Pub at the Sudbury Inn, and the Funky Red Barn.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, even of young women. This is a reminder that Dennise Whitley of the Maine Heart Association will present a program on women and heart disease on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church Garland Chapel on Church Street in Bethel. She will discuss how women can educate themselves and reduce their risk of heart disease. The program is sponsored by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College. The program is open to everyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 5. A worship service hosted by the Bethel United Methodist Church and the Bethel Episcopal House Church will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Garland Chapel of the West Parish Congregational Church. The service theme, "Let everything that has breath praise God," was written by the women of Cameroon. Refreshments will be served following the service. The snow date is Fri-

day, March 12. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 824-3226 or 824-2483.

Last week I reported that Shanta Hoff recently opened Little Bits Consignments at 175 Walkers Mills Road. Some readers were confused about the location of the shop. Most recently this property was owned by Dr. Gary Stuer. The site was originally known as the William Ladd Chapman farm. Following Mr. Chapman's death in 1932, his daughter Mary Chapman Wilson converted the stable into the Antique Shop, which she ran for nearly twenty years. In 1963 Dr. James Hudson purchased the former farm and ran a veterinary practice there.

I mentioned that the history of this part of Bethel is recorded in Eva Bean's book the "East Bethel Road." The book also includes extensive information about the "Hills," parts of Greenwood and Halloway, Gould Academy, local churches, dates and events, and even a chapter that the author called "Odds and Ends." The book is available from the Bethel Historical Society at 10-14 Broad Street.

Friends of Nona (Bean) Royce were saddened to hear of her death on Feb. 9 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She died from complications after a recent treatment for ovarian cancer.

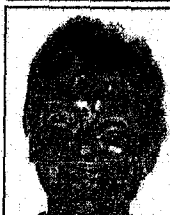
Nona graduated from Gould Academy in 1967 and was a longtime resident of Barrington, N.H. Our thoughts are with her family.

Bud Bowden is in a hospital in Zephyrhills, Fla., following complications after pace-maker surgery. Upon release, he will go directly to rehabilitation. He would appreciate cards and notes sent to his home address: A.W. Bowden, Palm Village Gardens #173, 3331 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

Do you have news about what you did during winter vacation?

Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

# West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Well, on Sunday morning we saw about ten snowflakes on our walk.

There were a few flakes now and then the rest of the day, and then again on Monday, but not enough even to whiten the road surface. It remains to be seen whether the predicted snowfall for Tuesday ever materialized.

Cold comfort it is that Vancouver and the Winter Olympics have no more snow than we do. However, those in charge of preparing the various venues have done a stellar job of hauling in snow, making snow, and spreading snow around. It's been fun to watch the various events, although I get a bit tired of seeing what seems like hours of luge.

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Sounds like a worthwhile program. Mark your calendars.

Kim Vincent and her uncle, Matthew Vincent, were up for the weekend to visit Kim's grandparents and Matt's parents, Shireen and Jerry Vincent. Kim is a senior at Bowdoin College, and Matt is a computer analyst down in Portland.

The book selection commit-

tee of the Bethel Library met last Thursday. West Bethel residents June Abbott, Shireen Vincent, Pauline Applin, and yours truly are members. So if you have any good suggestions for books to order, let us know.

This is a busy week at the Hoehstead. Our daughter, Kate Griffin, and her husband and younger son were our guests from Saturday to Tuesday, and they enjoyed some cross-country skiing at the Bethel Inn. Our nephew, Dan Smith, his wife Tama, and their son Connor arrived on Tuesday, with their three dogs, for a visit and a few days of downhill skiing. It's great fun to have family around, and we enjoy every minute of it.

As I write this on Monday, I'm keeping my fingers crossed for some snow on Tuesday, just to dress up the x-c trails a bit and cover up the dirty snow and ice. Please be in touch with your news: dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

# East Bethel

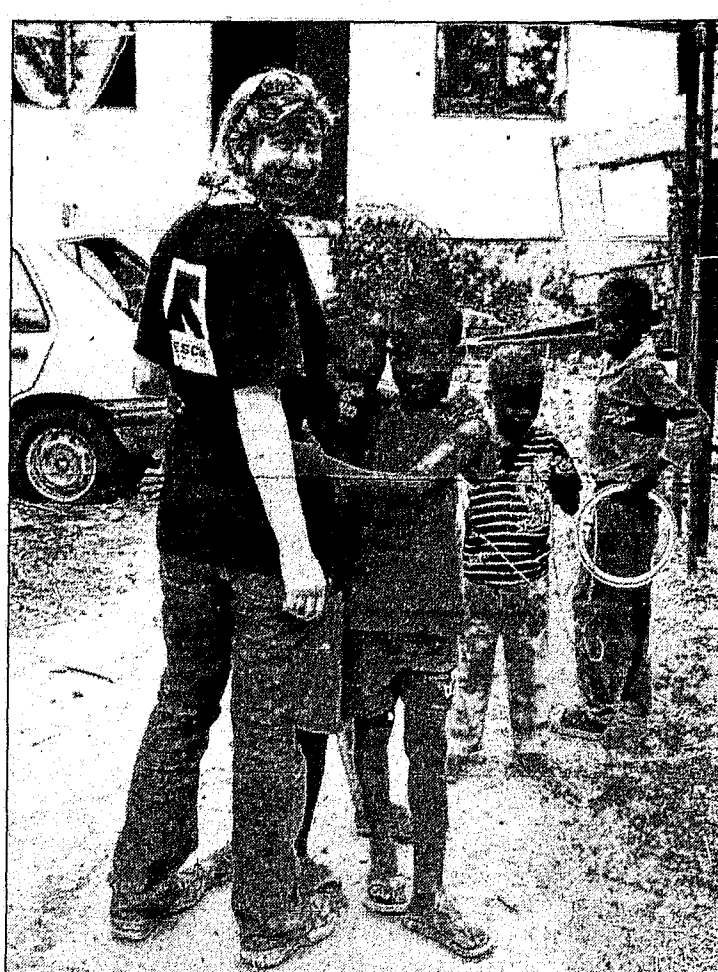


by Wally Ritz

On my end it has been quite the week and I am just happy that I can get the column in.

Despite an anti-virus program my computer ended up being infected quite severely from one second to the next and it had to be fixed. Guess I just have to love technology, yet it sure was beyond my understanding. Seems to me, computers have turned into one of those things you can't live with, yet can't live without it either. Despite these problems I managed to get caught up with the e-mails and calls I received. So, here we go.

Cyndy Kane Olson wants us to know that she is enrolling children for the 2010-2011 school year at the Mahoosuc Montessori School. There are openings for the morning session, which runs Monday-Friday from 7:45 till 11:15 a.m. An afternoon session may be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. if a minimum of eight students enroll



**RECONNECTING HAITIAN CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES**—Becky Chandler, daughter of Jim and Jane Chandler of Woodstock, has been in Haiti for a month with the International Rescue Committee, working to reunite lost children with relatives in the wake of last month's earthquake. Becky is a child protection expert with the organization. The IRC works in more than 40 countries offering help to refugees and others uprooted by violent conflict and natural disasters. IRC teams provide health care, shelter, clean water, sanitation and special services for women and children, according to a recent press release. As emergencies subside, the IRC stays to revive livelihoods and help shattered communities recover and rebuild. Becky is now training Save the Children staff in a system to identify children to get them reconnected with family members. She is expected to be in Haiti two or three months, according to Jane. "She said the work is never-ending, with 14 to 16 hours a day seven days a week," said Jane. "Becky is trying to stop foreign adoptions at this time and connect unaccompanied children with useful activities during the day and with the data base for more permanent solutions." Becky was quoted in the IRC release: "Tens of thousands of Haitian children are homeless, traumatized, disoriented and distressed and those who have been separated from family members are especially vulnerable. Every effort must be made locally to trace parents and relatives, reunite separated children with family and ensure that children most at risk are safeguarded from exploitation and abuse." IRC child protection experts and local partners have started setting up large tented "child friendly spaces" in locations across Port au Prince and are beginning a range of healing, recreational and learning programs for children and teens. "For young people who have lost so much—homes, schools, parents, friends, everything that's familiar—these programs will restore a sense of calm, safety and routine when everything around them is chaotic and uncertain," Becky said. For more information on the IRC, visit the IRC.org website. (Photo courtesy IRC)

for this session. You can get more information from Cyndy by contacting her via e-mail MahoosucMontessori@gmail.com or calling her at 462-4117. Rosabelle Tift also asked me to let you know that the

"To Your Health" committee of Western Mountains Senior College is having an important health program for women on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church

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Well, and through these tough economic times I want you all to know that there are some temporary jobs available with the Census in our local area. The pay is \$14.50/hour plus 50 cents/mile. Most jobs begin May 1 and the hours are mostly evenings and weekends. A 28-question, 30-minute timed test with a score of 10 is required for eligibility. You can call 1-866-261-2010 to schedule your local test. You can also find a practice test at [www.2020censusjobs.gov](http://www.2020censusjobs.gov) or you can contact the local recruiters Deena Bennett (577-8307) and Brenda Stickney (357-7004) for more information.

Last Saturday I received a call from my friends Ted and Jackie, who have lived in Florida for many years now. They have always enjoyed camping and hiking. Recently they stayed at Lake City Campground and met another person from Bethel, Maine. What a small world indeed.

Everyone, get in the groove. Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail me [han@megalink.net](mailto:han@megalink.net) with the Trivia answer or anything else you want to share. Till next week again, Wally.

### Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

The 14th of February and it looks more like the end of March! Dirty snowbanks, melted snow running across the road surface, windy and a lot of bare spots. Almost waiting for the green to appear in a couple days. Wishful thinking!

I'm sure that by now most of you know that Mike Redman was hurt while on duty in Afghanistan. I'm sure he would appreciate having a

get well card from all of you. Mike should be home with his wife in North Carolina. Address is: Mike Redman, 229 Ash Street, Hubert, NC 28539.

Many of you know about Albert Curtis Jr. through the Fire Department. But Little Al is now doing battle with cancer. Al's outlook is very positive, waiting on a game plan. He has had surgery and will have to have more. He says the prayers from all are working. Plus he has found out that his two sons are in the process of planning a benefit for him. Two very good young men and hard workers too. Any dad would be very proud of them. Granddad too! The benefit will be on the 20th of March! Stay tuned for all the details. And prayers accepted.

I think my cold is about to depart my body for others. Last Sunday I really tried to escape from its grip. But you know how these things happen, it just would not let go. And the rest of the story is classic. Really think we should have tried a two-finger drink from a number-ten washtub.

It's been a busy week at the Post. And there is Scout Troop in there now and I'm sure that the scouts are enjoying themselves. As usual we have scout and church groups in to stay for weekends and enjoy the skiing at Mt Abram. Dave Hadley makes sure all the scout troops get squared away at the mountain. Dave stops in at the Post often and makes sure all is well. Wicked good program for all involved and those taking part! Next weekend an extra troop will be staying at the Locke Mills Union Church.

Today the Post did two Four Chaplains services. One at 9 a.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church and 11 a.m. at the Rumford Point Church. Those taking part were Past Commander Richard Melville, Past Commander Daniel Grover, Norm Foster, Pastor Sandra Withey and myself. My "thank you" to all for taking part today.

As you are reading this on Thursday, it's the Post 68 Annual Oyster Stew Supper for members and guests. I'm sure there will be some friends of the Post show up and help us enjoy the stew. Rookie is making a beef stew for those that don't partake in the delightful world of oysters. Actually, Harriet and I can't think of anyone not wanting oysters. More for you and me.

Saturday afternoon late we went to Auburn to pick up a few things for the Post and home. Naturally we had to go over to the Chick-A-Dee for dinner. Linda served us right

up with all the goodies. I had the Baked Seafood Casserole. Glad I didn't get the dinner size as I really would have been stuffed myself. Anita had the Lobster Roll plate. And then we had the "Raspberry Surprise" for dessert. Sinful!

Greenwood's other legendary native son, the retired sailor and Grand Truck historian was in town again on Wednesday evening. John Davis just had to try to beat the numbers in bingo at Post 68 again. John did tell me of several rather tall tales about several times in the Pacific. And requested that I not disclose the contents of these. He figures that if the contents were to get out that he would really end up in hot water. But he did promise me something though. John said that if he didn't win this time and I did not write out a check, then he was going to guarantee that we'd never see the Grand Trunk transport any more wild live whales through the village from Quebec to Portland again. Just as if anyone ever saw a live whale come through on the train. Whales are much larger than the boxcars. And with tales like that, John will win the contest of all tall tales hands down. But John, your name is still in the computer.

The snowstorms to the south have brought back the memory of February '83 at Bolling AFB with 19 inches. Everything was shut down then as this past week. Not a bad thing as it has kept the Congress from spending a lot more of your money!

### Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

This past week two tufted timelice landed on the rail just

outside my door. Sam and Sammy were looking for me and could not find food in Newry.

A week ago I ventured to Rumford to meet up with classmates who meet at MacDonald's each Tuesday for lunch. There was only one classmate there. Many women were there whom my classmate, Frances, was sitting with. They, too, go there every Tuesday for lunch. We

sat with them and enjoyed our time together. The classmates will be meeting soon to plan for an upcoming reunion at Rooster's Roadhouse on July 31.

Best wishes for Karlene Bachelder, who is enjoying her birthday week. The date was Tuesday, the 16th.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club is sponsoring the annual landowner Appreciation Supper of oyster stew along with a spaghetti feed at the Bear River Grange. The supper will start at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The cost for adults is \$7 and for children under 12 there is no cost. Please come and join us.

Usually there is a Herb Kit-tredge Memorial Ride preceding the supper, but due to no snow, this part of the day's events has been cancelled. Something new has been added to this supper. A 10-pound lobster will be raffled. Tickets for this raffle can be purchased from members of the club and from Leon Dunn (824-3335), Ed Powers (739-9618), Brad Wight (824-2288), Robert Lowell at Western Maine Supply, and at the Bear River Trading Post. Hope to see you at the supper.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, there will be a heart healthy program, free of charge, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. This program will be presented by Denise Whitley of the Maine Heart Association. Refreshments will be available. Please call Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2053 if you have any questions.

The Bear River Trading Post still has live bait for your fishing needs. Raw milk from Phil Bailey of Andover is still on hand and selling very well. The chickens must have read the article last week, as they are now laying; and egg production is up. Now that vacation week is soon to be, the Trading Post has lots of warm-weather gear for adults and young ones who will be out enjoying our winter sports. Coffee, snack food, chili and Maine Italian sandwiches are on hand.

There is an ice fishing contest in early March. The dates are March 6 and 7. The BRT is a weigh-in station for that contest. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

For snowmobile questions give calls to Leon Dunn (824-

2336), Ed Powers (739-9618) or Brad Wight (824-2288).

I trust everyone enjoyed a loving Valentine's Day.

### Gilead



by Lin Chapman

The month of February is moving right along. Feb.

ruary vacation for the school has arrived this week. There still has been no snow, but according to the weatherman, we may get some this week.

My brother, Steve McLain, had a phone call from his son, Joe McLain, who is still living in Bozeman. He is doing great and enjoys living out there.

Feb. 21 is our oldest son's birthday. Since he is still in Saint Cloud, Minn., we will just have to send birthday wishes to him. Happy Birthday, Chris.

On Monday, Feb. 15, Hugh and I traveled to Lewiston to Bates College. Our grandson, Benjamin Chapman, participated in the 4x800 relay and the One Mile Run. His team finished 5th in the relay and Ben finished 6th in the One Mile Run.

The following is an e-mail from Rosabelle Tiff, who coordinates the To Your Health Series for Western Mountains Senior College. "The To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College is having an important heart health program for women on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church chapel, Church Street, Bethel. We have received many requests for a program on women and heart disease and are pleased to have a speaker from the Maine Heart Association, Denise Whitley, to present it. The title of her talk is "For Every Heart, There is a Story." She will discuss ways women can educate and empower themselves to make choices and reduce their personal risk of heart disease. This program

is presented as a community service, the public is invited, and admission is free."

**Gilead Democratic Com.** This is a reminder for all Gilead Democrats that the Gilead Democratic Committee is meeting from 2 to 3:30 on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Town Office. This meeting is open to the public, so even if you are not registered as a Democrat yet, please stop by and see what they are doing.

**Comp. Planning Com.**

The Public Meeting to discuss the draft update to the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, starting at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. A flyer summarizing the update will be mailed out prior to the meeting and the entire draft can be viewed on the AVCOG website at [avcog.org](http://avcog.org).

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail [chapmal@hotmail.com](mailto:chapmal@hotmail.com).

### Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Congratulations to Lacy Gammon,

who made the deans list at the University of Maine at Augusta for the fall semester. She achieved a grade point average of 3.48!

Kudos also to the following Andover students on the honor roll at Region 9 in Mexico: Early Childhood Education, Tanisha Damon, Kayla Morton; Forestry I, Joshua Farrington.

Lots of birthdays this week: Friday, Jess Farrington Merrill, Joel Young and Tom Neal; Saturday, Richard Morton; Sunday, George Wheeler; Monday, Joe Madigan; Tuesday, Jacob Rainey and Jacob McGurn; Wednesday, Sara Chase and Barry Martin.

We are supposed to get some much-needed snow on Tuesday, but the weatherman has been wrong before.

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Izaak Mills, who attends Mountain Valley High School, has been having a great season on the basketball court. As a sophomore, he is on the varsity squad. The third seeded Mountain Valley Falcons play on Thursday night in Portland, a semifinal game against number-two seeded Falmouth. The winner of that game plays on Saturday in the finals. Good luck Izaak and team!

Another Andover lad who attends Mountain Valley High School also played basketball and as a freshman was on the J.V. team. Joshua Rainey had a very nice season with some good playing time.

Andover kids playing for Telstar basketball was Daniel Vaughn, and Elek Pew, both juniors on Varsity, and Jenna Putnam, a freshman on J.V.

Enjoy the weekend.

## West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

What a winter to be away from the East Coast! I miss the cold and the snow and the shoveling!

Here it is rainy, warm, and in the 50s most of the time. There is no snow but plenty of mud. Crushed rock was delivered this week and many potholes were filled; more is needed.

Daughter Wendy is busy all the time. The Friday ladies' group met in town to knit, crochet, or sew. I am making cloth yo-yos to fill a quilted wall-hanging basket full of flowers. On Saturday Wendy had a knitting class; she is learning to knit with multiple colors, but I did not join in. Three days of quilting classes was enough learning for me in one month.

After Wendy's class we went shopping and I managed to get in on some sales of win-



**619th ON SPEED TV**—The Maine National Guard's 619th Transportation Co., of which Specialist Kevin Wight of Newry is a member, will be featured in a SPEED TV show entitled "Dangerous Drives, Iraq Convoy," on Feb. 24 and 25. Wight, a 2006 graduate of Telstar High School, drives a truck that transports the Army's heaviest equipment through a war zone. SPEED TV describes the work as "long hauls where IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) EFP (Explosive Formed Penetrators), land mines, rocket fire and sniper bullets are a constant threat, and a breakdown can mean certain death." The Feb. 24 showing will be at 8 p.m., and Feb. 25 at 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Wight is pictured above. At right, Iraqi wildlife and (inset) the truck Wight drives. His mother, Brenda, said that Kevin's 21st birthday is March 8, and she asks area residents to help "shower him with birthday cards." His address is: Wight, Kevin, 619th Trans Co., COB Adder, APO AE 09331. Because mail takes two weeks to arrive, a suggested mailing date is on or before Feb. 22. The 619th has been in Iraq since August.



Coyotes howling and barking at night is a common occurrence around Hanover Village this winter. Absent are the deer that usually visit the apple trees.

Keep the bootjack next to the door so as not to track mud all through the house.

## East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

Congratulations to East Andover resident Lacey Gammon.

She made the dean's list at U. of Maine-Augusta with a 3.418 in accounting. She is a full-time mum. Her daughters, Brooke, age 3, and Mackenzie, age 1, and her parents, Cindy and Stacy Gammon, are very proud of her.

She will be finishing her junior year, with only one more year to go. Keep up that hard work Lacey, it will all be worth it.

I ran into Irving and Jeanette Smith in Rumford the other day. Irving looks well and is glad to be back home.

I want to thank the staff of the River Valley Grill in Rumford for saving my mother and I a lot of grief. They found something of my mother's that would have been very hard to replace. Thanks, guys.

Brenda Stickney is still looking for people to help with the 2010 census. You can fill out an application and take a test every Monday at Crescent Park School, Bethel at 10:30 a.m. or at the Newry Town Office at 1 p.m., or at Telstar High School room 133 at 6 p.m. On Tuesdays at the Andover Town Hall at 2 p.m. or at University College, Mexico at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Roxbury Town Office at 10 a.m. or the Rumford Town Hall at 1 p.m. Thursdays, you can go to the Hanover Town Office at 6 p.m. For further information, please call Brenda at 357-7004. The job pays

## Upton



by Laurie Brown

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The newly formed historical society will meet at the Ladies Aid Building on Sunday at 11 immediately following the breakfast. Their goal is to elect officers and set up committees. Come early and enjoy the breakfast if you'd like.

1 1/2-plus year old Jes Bernier is learning to tease and showing a sense of humor (albeit it Bernier humor). After giving me a hug and kiss, she turned to Grandma and Aunt

tie and grinned coyly at them. Apparently, just before I'd stopped in, she'd denied them both kisses!

In a 1949 cookbook, "cookie" is spelled "cooky." The recipes are written quite differently from ones in modern cookbooks. For instance, in one recipe for biscuits, the instructions are to add enough milky water to make a stiff dough. Then, "beat well with an iron until the dough is smooth and light. Bake in a moderate oven."

The second annual murder mystery dinner will be held on March 13; watch for details.

The Town Meeting is scheduled for March 25.

Have a wonderful week. Se-lah

## Hanover



by Clem Worcester

It looks like the Worcester twins might just grow up. Shawnee and Makala spent

last weekend with Donna

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\$14.50 per hour plus mileage. Jacob Rainey will have a birthday on the 23rd. Nathan Palmer will celebrate his birthday on the 25th. Glenna Allen and Eda Perkins will ignore their birthdays on the 26th — just kidding! Jeannie and Caleb Kirkland will celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 26th.

Freeman, Keith, Scott, and Josh Farrington went to their camp at Caribou Lake this weekend. I don't know what Scott ended up eating because he forgot his food. Maybe that's his punishment for not being around on Valentine's Day.

I wish someone could tell me what the heaven is going on in this town. First, a number of homes were broken into and people were robbed. Now, last Monday, Andover General was broken into again. I don't care how hard times are, there is no excuse for this. Maybe it's time to consider hiring our own constable again. Norm is getting a new alarm system, with cameras, installed.

If it were me, I'd think about an attack dog, or at least an attack cat. We have two of these at home, cats I mean, and yes, they can be mean, so beware of us.

See 'ya.

## Waterford



by Rockie Graham

It seems that winter is returning. As I write this it has not snowed in weeks, but it is promised in hours; not a huge snowstorm like they have seen south of us, but a few inches. For us, we could wait a week or two, but a few inches shouldn't hurt.

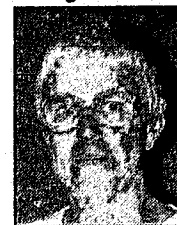
For those who are asking, we have torn the house down, dug the hole and are getting ready to pour the foundation. That should be done by Thursday and then we start to build. After that, it should be a matter of a few months before we can move into a new house. We are psyched. The schools are on vacation, and a good storm would

make them happy. They wouldn't get a snow day for it, but would get to enjoy it. They are also saying it will be warm and sunny toward the end of the week. That is fine with me.

I do not have much to say as I have been home recovering from surgery. I guess it went well, but time will tell. For now, I am still restricted but hope that will end soon. Do not look for me on the slopes any time soon.

Have a great vacation week and I will see all soon.

## Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

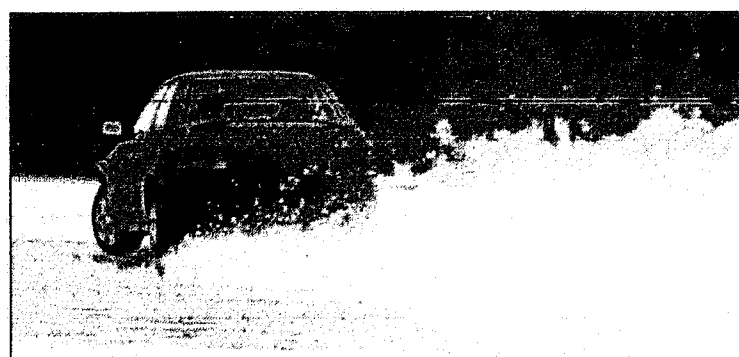
Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday,

Feb. 8, with six members present. Vicky Myers was installed Jr. vice president. Members discussed the projects coming up. Senior Citizens dinner in April, buying flags, how many we need, etc., and the Honor Roll extension. Beano the Legion will hold on Friday, March 19 called "Cabin Fever." Members will help on this. Calls reported were 17. More dues came in. Vicky Myers received the mystery package. Sally Sawyer read a very informative reading about the symbols on a one-dollar bill. A Silent Auction was held and money from it was sent to Marybeth Hoover toward her trip to Papua, New Guinea. Valentines were written for the Veterans' Home in South Paris. Next meeting is March 8 at Alice's.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group and 6:30 is prayer meeting. On Saturday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible study.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on March 4 at Ledgeview Memorial Home in West Paris. Meeting at 11:30 followed by dinner by Ledgeview and Marty Elkin from Wrinkle in Thyme farm doing the program.

Franklin Grange 124 will re-



**ICETRACK**—The smooth, snowless ice of Songo Pond has attracted a variety of vehicles recently that have used it to spin or drive in circles and/or drive rapidly up and down the pond. Here, a car slides around a tight circle on Sunday. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

sume meetings starting March 6, if weather permits, at 10 a.m. This will be the baking contest, making sweet quick breads. No nuts or peanut butter can be used. Use your own recipe and bring the recipe also. Bring one loaf size 3x5 on a paper plate with name under the plate. The Grange is planning a craft and food sale in July. Tables will be available to rent; call Alice Hoyt, 665-2460 to rent one.

## Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

On Saturday, Crystal Lake and I attended the Memorial Service for Billy Chesley at Praise Assembly of God. Crystal helped with the food and clean-up afterward while I did the heavy looking on. With my limited mobility I figure I am more help when I stay out of the way.

Tuesday, Virginia Hunt, from Peru, visited me. We went out for lunch and then had our hair cut by Debbie Brown at the Root Cellar.

Wednesday was therapy day. Gerry Shimamura took me down to Norway for that and then Debbie Brown picked me up early for worship practice. We have Teen Challenge from Maine coming in for the service and a dinner. They usually do some of the worship but Pastor Thacker likes us to do some, too. There will be twelve men coming this time. It is always uplifting to hear their testimonies of how the Lord has helped them over-

come addictions. After worship practice was the usual Bible study. Right now we are doing Isaiah. The prophecy series Pastor has done recently is very eye opening. So much of what has been prophesied is coming true during this generation it is good to be prepared for what is likely to come.

As you can probably tell the previous paragraphs would have been in last week's column but as the paper had a column already they had not used I decided not to send up any last week so hopefully we would play catch-up. The following items are for this week.

As it turned out I did not get to church to see those who came from Teen Challenge, which is now rather a misnomer as most of those going into Teen Challenge these days are out of their teens and are more likely to be the 30 to 40 and beyond group. Anyhow, I woke up with a sick headache and queasy tummy on Sunday and figured everyone, including me, would be better off if I stayed home.

Crystal Lake was expected to have a knee replacement the Tuesday before you read this, so if all went as planned she should be on the mend. I understand those can be quite painful so I can only hope she recovers fast and will soon be as good as new. Certainly the knee will be! (Small attempt at humor!)

Gerry Shimamura took me to my last two appointments, and on Thursday we stopped on our way down to Norway to see Bonnie Learned and Ann Fitzmorris. Actually Gerry saw Bonnie and Ann and I spent my time with Ann be-

cause I am the prayer liaison between our church prayer group and Ann and I had quite a list to give her. Ann seems to be doing much better and it seems good to see her more like her old self. After my therapy session Gerry and I went to Wal-Mart and when I went to get my debit card it was not where it is supposed to be. Now that is something to strike terror in one. Luckily I had my checkbook with me so that was no problem, but I do not like having my card floating in the wind somewhere. So far I still have not located it, but tomorrow I am planning an extensive search of the places in the house it could be and I am trying not to panic. If I don't find it tomorrow then I will panic!

I am sure I have forgotten something much more important than my doings but my mind is as bare as the Maine landscape is getting to be. I can't believe all our snow is going south. It is not supposed to do that. Pastor Thacker's father does not like to come up here from Maryland during the winter because he gets panicky trying to get around in snow. Pastor said when he talked last with him he was really feeling overwhelmed, so Pastor talked with his fifteen-year-old nephew and told him that he was the one who had to take care of the snow and not to let his grandfather touch a shovel. Ryan is a pretty good kid so I am sure he will see his grandfather behaves. We've been trying to get Pastor's family up here for quite a while so maybe this experience will show him that there is no accounting for where snow will show up and we are a lot better equipped up here to handle it.

Anyhow, if I have forgotten something do call and remind me and until next week, God bless, and keep smiling.

## Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. The weather has been fairly reasonable, but

the forecast is for some snow to come our way this week. That's okay — it's certainly a bit brown looking outside at the moment; some pristine white would be nice.

It's also been very quiet here lately. More so than usual. Winter usually is uneventful around here — few folk coming up to visit with the neighbors. And, because of the lack of snow, I haven't seen one snowmobile coming through. Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

## From Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met at the West Parish Congregational Church for their meeting and luncheon with 25 members present. President Nancy Mercer conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Musa Brown and Arlene Lowell.

The door prize was won by Elizabeth Gilbert and the 50/50 raffle by Martha Sweet.

The next meeting will be March 10 at the Methodist Church, meeting will start at 11 a.m. This will be a pot-luck dinner. Members will bring a salad, hot dish or dessert. Members will also bring items for the auction.

The speaker, Paul Lepage cancelled, as he was unable to attend but would like to come at a later date.

On behalf of the sophomore class of Gould Academy, Tineke Ouwinga invited the Senior Citizens to a luncheon Feb 22 at 12 noon at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. All Senior Citizens are welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 25, there will be a heart healthy program, free of charge, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. This program will be presented by Dennise Whitley of the Maine Heart Association. Refreshments will be available.

Several members read humorous stories.

February birthdays are: Donald Brooks, Barbara Mahler and Barbara Patterson.

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# Community Snapshots

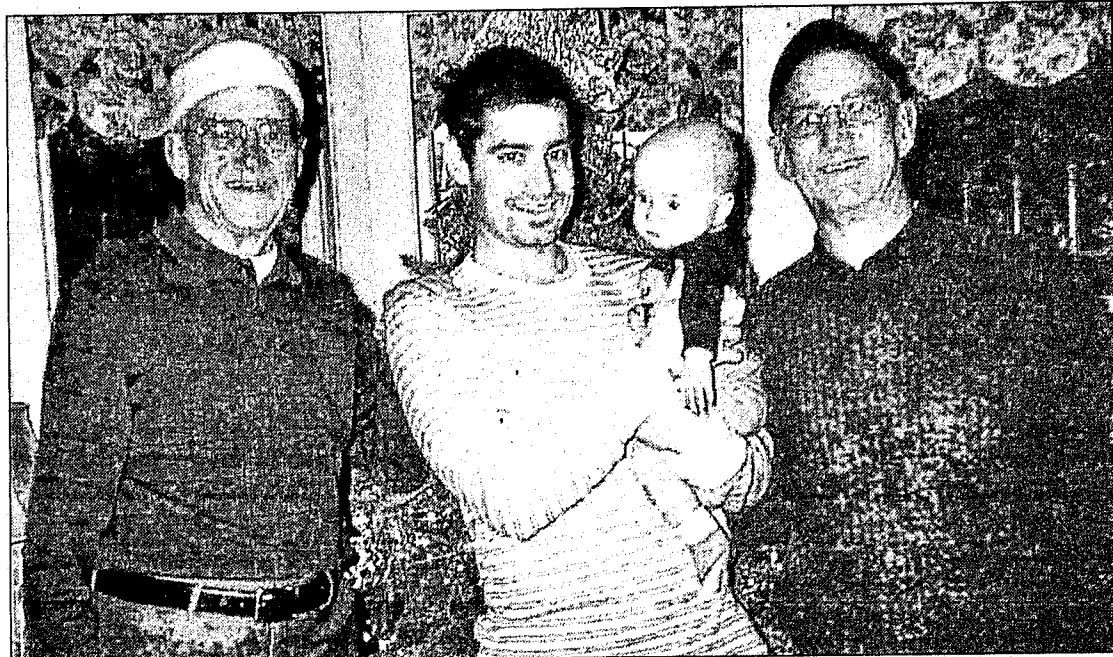


Left: Kar-en Marshall thought the maze at Festival Plaza was "sweet."

Right: Jonathan and Karen Marshall enjoying some outdoor fun.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF CHAPMANS—From left: Robert Chapman of Milan, N.H., Raymond Chapman of Gilead, Bud Chapman and Joseph Chapman of Milan, N.H. celebrating Robert's 82nd birthday.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF TRINWARDS—From left: Great grandfather Dr. John Trinward, father J.T., holding son Felix James; grandfather John Trinward Sr.



This photo of two does taken by Dave Conary of Woodstock was published on the inside cover of Mensa magazine last year.



David and Fran Head; Jason and Sarah Berry; Jane and Craig Ryerson Royal Caribbean Freedom of the Seas. 7 day cruise to the Bahamas, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten U.S.V.I.



Tristan Travis Buck, 4, the son of Shye Buck, during a December snowstorm at Shye's Aunt Nancy's house in Rumford. "He was incredibly excited to see snow," said Shye. (Tristan and other snow lovers would likely be just as excited to see it in February.)

## PLEASE SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

The Citizen is seeking photos for our monthly Community Snapshots Page. We plan to include as many as space permits, so please send your favorite shots along. The best way is by e-mail, to [news@bethelcitizen.com](mailto:news@bethelcitizen.com) (please put "Community snaps" in the subject line). You may also send prints to The Bethel Citizen, P.O. Box 109, Bethel, 04217, or bring them to our office at 19 Main Street (behind the Bethel Town Office). Please include a brief description of the activities/persons pictured, as well as your name and telephone number in case of questions.

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From  
**Oxford County  
Republicans**

The Greenwood Republicans will hold their biennial caucus on Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Paris Fire Station on Western Avenue in South Paris. Greenwood will caucus with Waterford, Paris, Oxford, Norway and Otisfield. All registered Republicans are encouraged to attend. Unenrolled voters and unregistered residents who are eligible to vote are also welcome to attend and participate. The Registrar of Voters will be available for 30 minutes prior to the start of the caucus to register new voters and to enroll unenrolled voters in the Republican Party.

At the caucus, Greenwood Republicans will ratify by-laws, elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention to be held in May, nominate County Committee members, elect Greenwood Republican Town Committee officers and conduct a straw poll for the gubernatorial nominee.

Republican candidates for local, state and federal offices have been invited to attend the caucus to address the voters and answer questions.

From  
**Oxford County  
Democrats**

The Oxford County Democrats are in full swing following the Jan. 31 caucuses throughout the county. The combined total attendance was close to 200 and provided an opportunity for candidates, or their representatives, for various offices to address the gatherings and to obtain signatures on nominating petitions. Delegates to the May 21-22 State Dem-

ocratic Convention, town officers, and field organizers were elected.

"We are tremendously pleased to be fielding a terrific slate of candidates this year," Cathy Newell, Oxford County Democrats chair, stated. "Our candidates made full use of the caucuses to meet potential supporters and to address the gatherings." Incumbents attending caucuses were Sen. Bruce Bryant, Rep. Terry Hayes, Rep. Sheryl Briggs, Rep. Helen Rankin, Rep. Matt Peterson, and Sheriff Wayne Gallant. All, but Bryant who is term-limited, are seeking re-election.

Candidates attending caucuses included Laura Ordway of Bridgton, Senate 13; John Patrick of Rumford, Senate 14; Chad McGrew of Bethel, House 91; Russ Newcomb of Norway, House 95; Lisa Villa of Harrison, House 98; and Colin O'Neill of Oxford, House 100; as well as Roy Gedat of Norway, County Treasurer; Pat Shearman of Norway and Daniel Eichorn of Hebron, contesting for Registrar of Deeds-East in the primary; and Shirley Thunderhorse of Lovell, Register of Deeds-West; Congressman Michaud, and gubernatorial candidates Libby Mitchell, Pat McGowan, John Richardson, Steve Rowe, Rosa Scarcelli, and Donna Dion were represented at many of the caucuses.

The Oxford County Democrats including County Chair Cathy Newell, Roy Gedat and Julie Peterson of Norway, Laura Ordway of Bridgton, Russ Newcomb of Norway, Colin O'Neill of Oxford, Rep. Terry and Steve Hayes of Buckfield attended the Oxford Hills Chamber dinner on Feb. 5 at Hebron Academy and were joined by Rep. Mike Carey of Lewiston and Congressman Mike Michaud and Andrea Quaid of his staff.

On Monday, Feb. 8, Con-

gressman Michaud and Rep. Helen Rankin of Hiram visited the Eastern Slopes Airport in Fryeburg and toured Dearborn Manufacturing. Later in the day, the Oxford County Democrats joined the Michaud campaign for a pizza party and fundraiser at Boomers in Norway. There was an excellent turnout from Bethel, Norway, Paris, Waterford, Harrison and Bridgton.

Upcoming events for the Oxford County Democrats include co-sponsoring an organizational meeting for Bridgton Democrats with the Cumberland County Democrats at the Bridgton Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. State Senate 13 candidate Laura Ordway of Bridgton, and House 98 candidate Lisa Villa of Harrison will be present along with US Department of Education official, and former Speaker of the House in Maine, Glenn Cummings of Portland, and other legislative leaders.

On Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel the Oxford County Democrats will hold a special county committee meeting to select a nominee to recommend to Governor Baldacci to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of County Treasurer Mary Ann Prue of Rumford, who has moved to Brunswick. Her resignation is effective as of March 1. Other business will include planning for spring events, introduction of candidates, and planning for the May 21-22 Democratic Party Convention. A snow date of Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. has been selected.

For further information about the Oxford County Democrats, visit [www.oxforddems.org](http://www.oxforddems.org) or visit the Oxford County ME Democrats Facebook fan page, or call County Chair Newell at 875-2116.

From  
**Western  
Mountains  
Senior College**

"For Every Heart, There is a Story" will be presented by Dennise Whitley, MHA, director of Advocacy-Maine, American Heart Association, on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. The program is sponsored by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Continuing Education and Maine Health Learning Resource Center of Stephens Memorial Hospital.

According to Ms. Whitley, cardiovascular disease, which includes heart disease, heart attack and stroke, is the number one killer for men and women in Maine. However, she says "Women often do not know or believe that they are vulnerable to a heart attack or stroke. Women account for nearly half of all heart attack deaths, and more women die of stroke than men. Prevention is important."

Ms. Whitley will emphasize the "Go Red for Women" movement and the many faces of heart disease. She will discuss how women can connect with each other, educate and empower themselves, and make choices to reduce their personal risk. She will explain the controllable health risks for heart disease and the many educational resources available from the American Heart Association including web-based, interactive programs to help women love their hearts by keeping them healthy. Participants will also enjoy "Bingo in the Heart of Maine" to help them learn more facts about heart disease.

The To Your Health committee is offering this program as a community service in response to numerous requests for information on women and heart disease. The program is open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

From  
**Bethel Historical  
Society's  
Regional History  
Center**

A wide variety of winter recreation activities were enjoyed on Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day), during the Bethel Historical Society's Winter Recreation Heritage Day. Due to the scarcity of snow, the previously scheduled snowshoe activities for children did not take place.

However, there was sledding with a large antique bob sled. The film "Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates" was shown at the society's Robinson House, and later in the afternoon, a program on the history of Maine Handicapped Skiing was presented by David Shiverick.

He was assisted by Wendy Iseman, project manager at MHS, who emphasized the stellar accomplishments of that organization.

That presentation was followed by another by Mr. Shiverick on the history and importance of the National Ski Patrol.

Throughout the afternoon, those attending had an opportunity to view the new skiing exhibit, visit the society's museum shop, and inspect a special display of sleds and other winter recreation items. A bonfire for marshmallow roasting was blazing between the Mason and Robinson houses throughout the afternoon, and a number of children and adults enjoyed those toasted treats.

Refreshments of cherry pie, whipped cream and ice cream — in honor of Presidents' Day — were served prior to Ben B. Conant's 4 p.m. presentation on the history of the Paris Manufacturing Company, which made sleds and other winter recreational items beginning in the 1870s. Mr. Conant brought some examples of Paris Manufacturing sleds to show those present. Much appreciation is expressed to everyone who made this special day possible.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason.

**Dean's List**

The following local residents were named to the 2009 spring semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston:

Courtney Amann of Bethel, a freshman at Simmons with an undeclared major.

Margaret dePasquale of Greenwood, a freshman at Simmons. Her major is undeclared.

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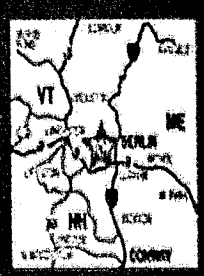
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# Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. thru May - **Family Playtime** at Norway Memorial Library for parents/caregivers and children 1 thru 4. Drop-in program. FMI: 743-5308.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 957 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - **Support Group for Parents of disabled children** at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabatha Steward at 836-2055. No meeting in February (school vacation).

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: Mondays: 10:30 a.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel; 1 p.m. Newry Town Office; 6 p.m. Telstar High School, Room 113. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. Upton Town Office (by appointment); 2 p.m. old Andover Town Hall, Elm Street; 6 p.m. at University College Rumford/Mexico, 13 Brown Street, Mexico. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. Roxbury Town Hall; and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium; 6 p.m. Bethel Library. Thursdays: 11 a.m. Lincoln Plantation Town Office, Route 16 (by appointment) and 6 p.m. Hanover Town Office. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd. Earrings — pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Month of February  
Public Art Exhibit in windows of Norway Savings Bank Operation Center, Main Street, Norway, will feature pigmented wax painting and multi-media artwork of Western Maine Art Group (WMAAG) artists Heather Westleigh and Daniel Rennie.

## Thru Monday, March 1

Bethel Skating Rink (weather permitting) throughout winter

at Festival Plaza (empty lot across from Casablanca Cinema 4 and near Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce). Washrooms available at Chamber office during business hours.

**American Cancer Society "50 Days of Daffodils."** FMI, to place order, or get involved with program, contact Crystal Derocher 373-3719 or e-mail Crystal.Derocher@cancer.org.

## Thru Monday, April 19

6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - **Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days** — at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details; call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

## Thursday, Feb. 18

7 p.m. - **Region 9 Board Meeting** changed to tonight.  
7 p.m. - **SWOAM (Maine Woodland Owners Association of Maine)** program on estate planning in Room 118 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris, featuring Linda Russell, attorney. Open to public. Bring questions or forward them to Russell@oxfordhillslaw.com or call 743-7753 and speak with Linda.

## Friday, Feb. 19

4 p.m. - **Bethel Special Selectmen's meeting** at Town Office meeting room. Open to public. (see story elsewhere in this edition of The Citizen).

## Saturday, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Joy of Skiing** at Wilderness House Sunday River. Progressive picnic on skis or snowshoes. Eat your way around trail system. Cost: \$6 advance/\$7 day of event plus trail pass. Fundraiser for Maine Lung Association. FMI: 824-2410 or e-mail susan@wildernesshouse.com.

1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Teen Services Art Workshop** creating a comic book at Norway Memorial Library. Open to teens in grades 7-12. Pre-registration required; call 743-5309 or e-mail Teen Services at norteen@norway.lib.me.us.

2 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** presentation Historic Maps of Maine with Barry Allen, surveyor, Maine Land Development, at Bethel Historical Society. Four-week exhibit of antique maps accompanying the talk. FMI: 824-3806 or e-mail info@Mahoosuc.org or visit www.Mahoosuc.org.

5 to 9 p.m. - **Night Tubing** at Mt. Abram. FMI: 875-5000.  
5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** by Waterford World's Fair at Harrison Calvary Community Church with ham and turkey and fixings, homemade pies. Cost \$7 adults/\$3.50 kids.

8:30 p.m. - **Unlocking Autism in Maine Fundraiser** at The Funky Red Barn, Bethel, with music by Monsta Band including local band Midnite Haze. Cost: \$7 and \$10/couple. 50/50 raffle. FMI: call Tabatha Steward 836-2955 (home) or (936) 346-1818 (cell).

## Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open. Sponsored by American Legion Post 72.

## Sunday, Feb. 21

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Back Country Ski/Snowshoe Festival** at Carter's XC Ski Center, 766 Intervale Road, Bethel. Safety clinics, back country ski lessons/tours, GPS basics, etc. Cost: \$40 pp for rentals, trail pass, classes; \$25 with own gear; Additional \$20 overnight stay. Sign up by Feb. 17 for \$5 discount. FMI: 539-4848 or 824-3880 or e-mail cartersxcski@gmail.com or view www.cartersxcski.com.

10 a.m. start - **Box Sled Races** at Mt. Abram. Race about originality (design, costumes, slowest). No wooden frames. FMI: 875-5000.

11 a.m. - **Flying Moose Classic XC Ski Race** sponsored by

Bethel Outing Club. (\$25) advance at www.skireg.com or \$30/door; checks to Bethel Outing Club, PO Box 637, Bethel ME 04217. Registration at Gould Academy Field House from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mass start Gould Academy campus. FMI: call Jim Reuter 824-4099 or e-mail jim@reuter.net.

1:30 p.m. - **Woodstock Republicans** caucus at Woodstock Town Office.

2 p.m. - **Republican Caucus** for registered Republicans in Albany, Bethel, Gilead, Newry, Upton at Crescent Park School's cafeteria.

3:30 p.m. - **Gilead Democratic Committee** meeting at Town Office.

7 p.m. - **Hanover Republican caucus** will be held at Paul and Lynn Ramsey's, 20 Howard Pond Road.

## Monday, Feb. 22

12 Noon - **Senior Citizens** invited to luncheon at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, hosted by the Sophomore Class students. All senior citizens welcome.

6:30 p.m. - **Waterford Library Bridge Group** meeting. No partner necessary. Beginning and experienced players welcome. Meetings are held each month on fourth Monday. FMI: 583-2729.

## Tuesday, Feb. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** The Yo-Yo People, a husband and wife duo, at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Price: adults \$6 advance or \$8 door; 12 and under \$4/\$6. FMI or advance tickets: (800) 543-25K1.

## Wednesday, Feb. 24

5:30 p.m. - **Anxiety discussion**, hosted by Tri-County Mental Health Services, Rumford Hospital Primary Care and Dental Collaborative, Eagle's Club, 23 Oxford Street, Rumford. FMI or to register: 369-1194.

## Thursday, Feb. 25

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"For Every Heart, There is a Story"** presented by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College at West Parish Congregational Church. Speaker: Dennise Whitley, Maine Heart Association on how women can connect with each other, educate and empower themselves, and make choices to reduce personal risk of heart disease. Free. Refreshments. FMI: 824-2053.

## Friday, Feb. 26

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, Main Street, West Paris. Bring a dish to share and enjoy evening of socializing and storytelling. The potluck suppers will be held the fourth Friday of each month.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** hosted by Vessel Recordings artist Heather Pierson at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers 6:30 p.m. and open mic 7 p.m. Cost: \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available. Everyone invited. FMI: 935-4505 (Heather) or e-mail vesslrecordings@yahoo.com.

## Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27

7:30 p.m. - **"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"** played by Hebron Academy Players in Androscoggin Theater of Sargent Memorial Gymnasium. Free and open to public. Parking at academy athletic center on Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or e-mail jmiddleton@hebronacademy.org.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents The Early Evening Shows. Tickets: \$13 adults, \$11 seniors and \$6.50 children 12 and under. FMI or tickets: (336-3306) or visit www.oddfellow.com.

## Monday, March 1

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Café** at Waterford Library. Forum discussion theme Our Society, Part II: What's Working Well? Accentuate the Positive with moderator Nancy Lou Stiles. FMI: 583-657 or e-mail wla@Waterford.lib.me.us.

## Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-noon.

## Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office. E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

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## Church Services

### ALBANY

**Congregational Church** - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

### ANDOVER

**First Congregational Church** - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

**Calvary Bible Church** - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

### BETHEL

**Bethel Alliance Church** - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

**Church of the Nazarene** - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info., 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows** - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

**Episcopal House Church** - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

**West Parish Congregational** - Rev. Virginia Rickeman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m., FMI call 824-0550.

**United Methodist** - Geofrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

**West Bethel Union** - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

**Pleasant Valley Bible** - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

**Church of Christ** - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

**Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship**: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

**EAST STONEHAM** **Oxford County United Parish Churches** in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

**GORHAM, NH** **Assembly of God** - Pastor Paul Levein. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

**Gorham Congregational Church** - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

**LOCKE MILLS** **Locke Mills Union** - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

### NEWRY

**Sunday River Christian Ministry**: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale every Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

### NORWAY/PARIS

**First Church of Christ, Scientist** - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

**North Paris Federation** - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers operation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

**Oxford Hills Friends** (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

**Christ Episcopal Church** - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

**First Baptist Church of Paris** - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

**St. Catherine's** - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway** - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

### OXFORD

**St. Mary's** - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

**Our Lady of Ransom**: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### RUMFORD

**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church** - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

**Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John** - 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

### RUMFORD CENTER

**Praise Assembly of God** - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 864-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassem-blyofgod.net.

### RUMFORD POINT

**Rumford Point Church** - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

### SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

### WEST PARIS

**Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris** - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

**West Paris Baptist** - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

**West Paris Congregational Church** - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

### WOODSTOCK

**Bryant Pond Baptist** - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

**Woodstock Seventh day Adventist** - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

**Pinhook Meeting House** (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

**Mahoosuc Mountain Friends** - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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# Forestry

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## BWD erosion control

According to BWD Supt. Lu-  
sien Roberge, there has been  
no wood harvesting on the  
Bingham land since 2002.

At that time, the harvesting  
focus shifted to the 111-acre  
watershed parcel that is located  
in Bethel. It is not part of  
the trust land.

"Our forester said the Beth-  
el side was ready to be har-  
vested," Roberge said.

After logging ended on the  
Newry trust land, the logging  
roads there were typically  
stabilized with hay bales and  
berms each spring until the  
flood of 2007, he said.

In the time between, "we had  
a couple of washouts, when  
we were having freaky rains.  
You can take all the precau-  
tions you want, but with the  
slopes that we have, when you  
have torrential rain, you're  
going to have erosion no mat-  
ter what, unless you do a real  
road," he said.

Since the 2007 flood, there  
has been minimal road sta-  
bilization in Newry, Roberge  
said.

According to Brent An-  
gevine, chairman of the Board  
of Trustees, they received  
recommendations after the  
flood to generally stay off the  
land and "let nature take its  
course" for a time.

Weather reports about the  
flood put the rainfall rate at  
as much as seven inches an  
hour.

Angevine also said the BWD  
follows erosion control mea-  
sures outlined in its forestry  
management plan.

## 2002 inspection

In 2002 an area of trust land  
that had been harvested that

year was inspected by the  
Maine Department of Envi-  
ronmental Protection.

The inspection followed  
an article in the Citizen re-  
porting apparent erosion on  
logging roads and skidding  
trails, as well as discarded pe-  
troleum product containers.

Forestry studies have shown  
that the greatest percentage of  
sediment deposited in water-  
ways as a result of timber har-  
vest operations comes from  
logging roads.

The inspector concluded  
there were minor sedimenta-  
tion issues, but no actual vi-  
olations, and that operations  
on recent logging sites were  
satisfactory.

The Citizen noted then that  
petroleum containers ob-  
served earlier had been re-  
moved, and additional drain-  
age channels dug.

The inspector made recom-  
mendations to improve drain-  
age along the primary logging  
road and near a bridge.

A Maine Forest Service for-  
ester on the inspection tour  
also said the logging opera-  
tion was as good as most he  
had seen.

Another Forest Service rep-  
resentative said the activities  
did not affect the quality of  
the drinking water.

Much of the harvest done  
then was a salvage operation  
to clean up 1998 ice storm  
damage.

The BWD forester at the  
time said almost 90 percent of  
residual tree stands were de-  
stroyed in the storm.

## Excessive harvesting

As for the amount of wood  
cut in past years, informa-  
tion obtained by the Citizen

in 2002 about harvesting dur-  
ing the 1990s showed that the  
average annual income was  
more than \$10,000.

Taxes owed to Newry aver-  
aged approximately \$2,000, a  
level of logging that would be  
an apparent violation of Bing-  
ham's stipulation.

The forest management plan  
in place from 1990 to 2009 also  
looks beyond simply harvest-  
ing enough to cover taxes.

It states that while the pri-  
mary objective is the protec-  
tion of the watershed, "addi-  
tional objectives include man-  
aging the district's timber  
reserves through a series of  
commercial harvests in order  
to provide revenue to keep  
the district's utility rates at a  
reasonable level, plus provide  
monies for capital improve-  
ment projects."

The report also notes that  
hunting and snowmobiling  
were allowed on the parcel,  
with a permit.

## New management plan

In July 2009, a new forest  
management/harvest plan  
was drawn up by forester  
Sherm Small because, An-  
gevine said, it was overdue.

The harvesting objective:  
"to maintain a healthy forest  
to produce commercial forest  
products for harvest. In addi-  
tion, the Water District rec-  
ognizes the recreational uses  
and wildlife habitat the prop-  
erty offers and wishes to man-  
age the property to enhance  
their value."

A section on recreational  
uses notes the wish of trust-  
ees to increase recreational  
opportunities, and notes ex-  
isting truck and skid roads  
could form a base for a net-

work of hiking, snowmobil-  
ing, snowshoeing and cross-  
country skiing trails.

Asked about the implication  
of that wording for the trust,  
Angevine said, "Everything  
to do with the land is subject  
to the decision by the court."

Small also outlined plans for  
different sections of the wa-  
tershed, recommending har-  
vesting of ice storm damaged,  
diseased, and poorly formed  
trees, as well as mature ones.

He roughly estimated the to-  
tal value of harvestable tim-  
ber at \$854,960, but noted the  
size and income from har-  
vests "will be refined to meet  
the income criteria," after the  
issue of the trust is settled.

BWD trustees said in Sep-  
tember that if they received  
approval to expand harvest-  
ing, they might cut approxi-  
mately \$20,000 worth of wood  
a year.

That figure was arrived at,  
Angevine said, by dividing  
\$854,960 by 40 years, a typical  
harvest cycle.

But Dresser's letter also  
said that he was told by a dis-  
trict trustee that there was \$1  
million in timber "to be taken  
from the parcel over several  
years. It would appear the dis-  
trict's interest is clear."

## Politics

Dresser's letter also express-  
es concern about the overall  
functioning of the BWD:

"The Bethel Water District  
has been an instrument of  
political manipulation in the  
town for some time. While  
busy using water availability  
as a political tool, the district  
managed to fail to upgrade  
century old main structures  
under the river and failed to

preserve the watershed in  
suitable condition to with-  
stand the weather of the re-  
gion that it might serve its in-  
tended use in perpetuity."

Dresser went on to say that  
"given Gov. Baldacci's dis-  
interest in the property, its  
transfer to a different govern-  
mental entity or a land trust  
would seem to fulfill Mr. Bing-  
ham's intentions."

"It is surely the case that the  
governor, with his strong in-  
terest in land preservation,  
would want it to be clear to  
those who consider placing  
land in trust that 'deals' will  
not be made at future times  
that will clearly overturn  
the intent of the terms under  
which such trusts are estab-  
lished."

Asked to provide examples  
of the past use of water as a  
political tool, Dresser said,  
"from my perspective as a se-  
lectman at the time, the Beth-  
el Water District's leadership  
made it difficult for those try-  
ing to create the Victoria  
Station Project [in the early  
1990s] by asserting for a time  
that infrastructure and sup-  
ply couldn't be provided for  
water for the project."

"The move seemed highly  
political to me at the time. Ul-  
timately, under pressure, the  
district reached agreement  
with the developers to pro-  
vide water."

Asked to comment on the al-  
legations in Dresser's letter,  
Angevine said, "the whole let-  
ter is a lot of uninformed ge-  
neralities."

He said anyone interested  
in how the BWD does busi-  
ness should attend its month-  
ly meetings on the third Tues-

day.

## Betterment Fund letter

Dresser's was one of sever-  
al letters received by the AG's  
office regarding the water-  
shed issue.

The Citizen requested and  
received copies of all of them.

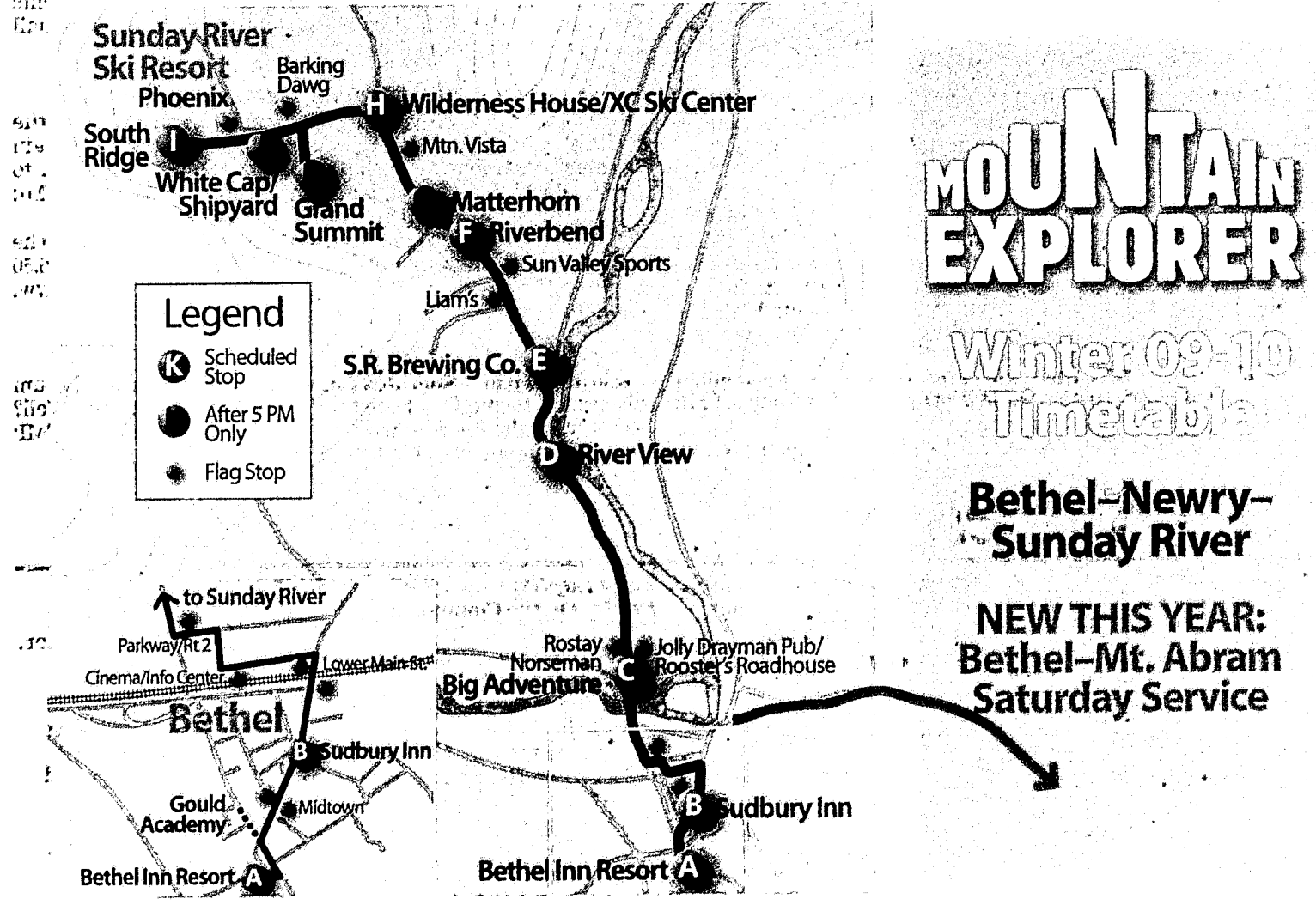
Three, including Dresser's,  
objected to modifying the  
trust. The Mahosuc Land  
Trust (see Feb. 4 Citizen) and  
the trustees of the Betterment  
Fund, established by Bing-  
ham, also wrote expressing  
their concerns about modifi-  
cation.

The Betterment trustees  
wrote that they do not have  
legal status in the matter, but  
wished to offer their views  
"because of our familiarity  
with Mr. Bingham's philan-  
thropy and intentions."

They said that changing the  
terms "of a trust created for  
charitable purposes may be  
appropriate if the trust's pur-  
poses become impossible or  
impracticable to fulfill. Had  
Mr. Bingham's stated cop-  
erns been restricted to the  
water supply and not looked  
further, then ceasing the use  
of the tract as a water supply  
might require some interven-  
tion to apply its use beyond  
the terms of the document.  
The terms of Mr. Bingham's  
deed remain viable."

If no longer used for water,  
they said, "then public access  
to and use of the property for  
conservation and recreation  
in a manner consistent with  
the terms set forth in the deed  
are appropriate."

The only other letter re-  
ceived was a request from the  
MLT to meet with an AG offi-  
cial.



**Legend**

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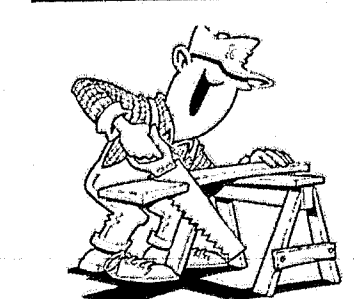
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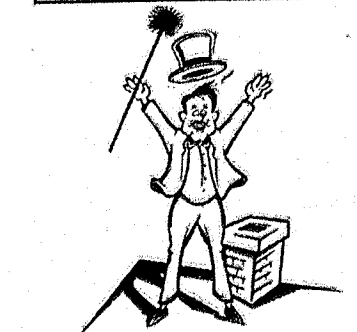
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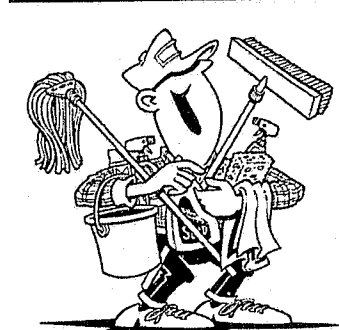
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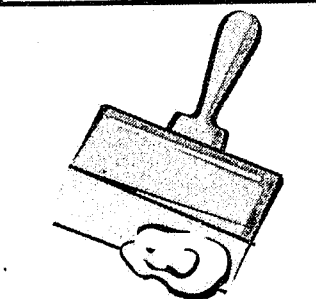
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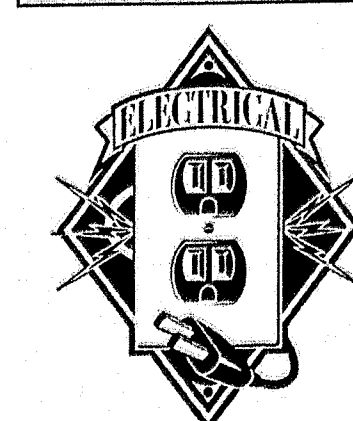


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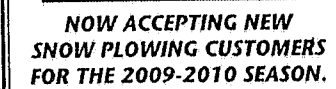
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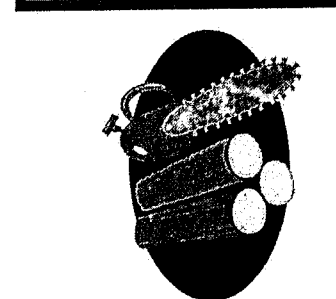


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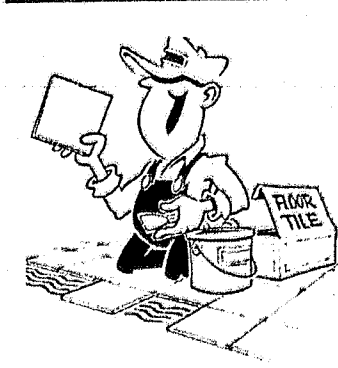


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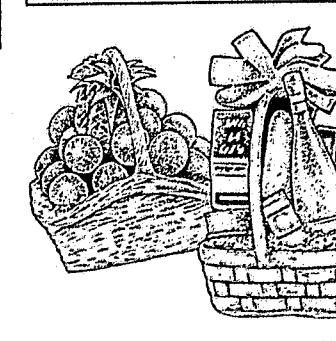
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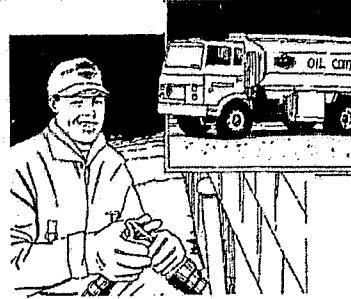
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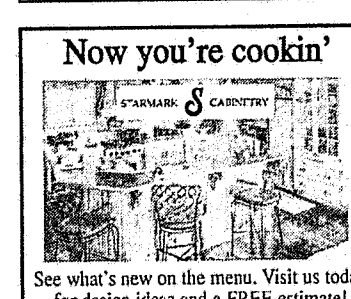
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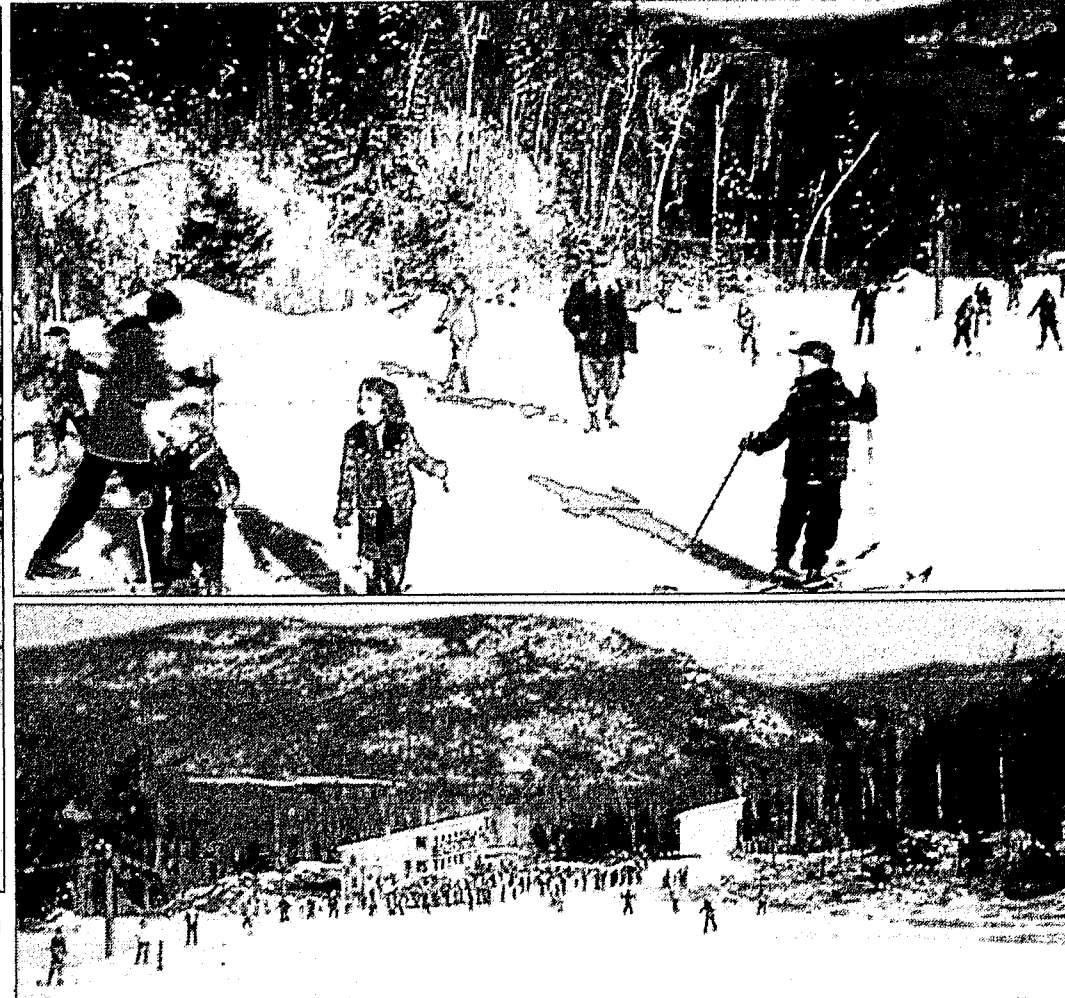
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**SKI HISTORY**—Dave Keniston of Albany sent in these photos of (above) the ski hill on Vernon Street, Bethel, in 1958; and (right) Sunday River Skiway in its opening year of 1959.

### From Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

If you are involved in a nonprofit organization, there is an event coming to Bethel you can't afford to miss. "Building Bridges: Bethel Area Non-profit Forum on Collaboration" will be held at the Bethel Inn Resort, April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Bethel Area Non-profit Collaborative (BANC). The forum will help area nonprofit organizations realize functional ways to build capacity through collaboration, sharing of resources, and optimized local networking.

Did you know there are

more than 55 nonprofit organizations in the Greater Bethel Area, which preserve the land, promote the arts, foster business, improve health and education, develop opportunities, and much more? This rich abundance of local non-profits in this small geographic area is the motivating force behind the Forum on Collaboration.

This Forum is the end result of over a year's planning by the BANC, which formed in the autumn of 2008 for the purpose of fostering collaborative action and opportunities among nonprofit organizations in the Greater Bethel Region. The Betterment Fund awarded \$24,000 to support this effort through the consulting services of the Institute for Civic Leadership

(ICL) in Portland. Since then the BANC has been working diligently to organize a forum whose goals are:

Creating an environment that fosters collaboration among non-profits by demonstrating how we are all connected;

Improving those connections by helping participating nonprofit groups explore ways to collaborate around programming, fund development and networking;

Offering a technology-supported (Internet) tool to enhance networking and communications.

The day's activities will include facilitation by ICL consultants, focus groups exploring real and functional ways to begin working with other nonprofits, and an introduction

and practice session on using a new internet-based networking tool for local nonprofits. A full lunch will be served.

In the past year, the BANC has studied collaborative models and processes, developed an inventory of Bethel Area nonprofit organizations with current contact information, completed an electronic survey of area nonprofit organizations to measure interest in collaborative possibilities, and begun building a dedicated internet network for area non-profits.

New members are welcome in the Bethel BANC. Current members include: Jackie Cressy, Western Mountains Senior College; Nancy Davis, Bethel Area Historical Society; Jim Dock, Bethel

Area Historical Society; Carol Emery, River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition; Julie Hart, Mahoosuc Kids Association; Susan Jennings, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center; Jim List, Bethel Area Trails Committee; Jim Mitchell, Mahoosuc Land Trust; Aranka Matolcsy, Mahoosuc Arts Council; Charles Raymond, Telstar High School, Rosabelle Tift, Western Mountains Senior College; Steve Wight, Mahoosuc Land Trust; Robin Zinchuk, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jim Picirillo and Savannah Belisle, Telstar High School students.

For more information or to RSVP for the April 9 forum, call the Chamber of Commerce, 824-2282 or write [info@bethel-maine.com](mailto:info@bethel-maine.com).

### Dean's list

Seana Siekman, Class of 2013 at Connecticut College and a resident of Bethel, has been named to the dean's honors for the 2009 fall semester.

Mollie Bell, of Waterford, Maine has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at the University of Vermont. Bell is a sophomore English major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Whitney Mills of Andover has been named to the dean's list at the University of New Hampshire for the fall semester of 2009-2010.

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## From the Director

It is hard to believe that school vacation is here already! The kids have been busy making valentines and waiting for 6 more weeks of winter!

We could really use some more snow on the playground but our wilderness group has been having a great time looking for animal tracks. Our thanks to the staff of the Bryant Pond 4H camp for coming to all our sites and doing outdoor programs for the kids. Our staff has been busy making plans for school vacation week. The kids are really looking forward to going swimming at the River-view on Wednesday! Our TMS site is taking 20 students along with our friends at Dirigo Middle School and Buckfield Middle School to the University of Maine at Orono for two days during school vacation. The students are participating in the UM Engineering and 4-H Youth Development Program. They will attend 2 full days of workshops on Engineering, Food Studies, and Pest Management.

They will also participate in the Maine Bound Program and go Rock Climbing. The students will take a Tour of the campus and talk to current UMO students. I can't wait to see the pictures from this trip!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful restful vacation.

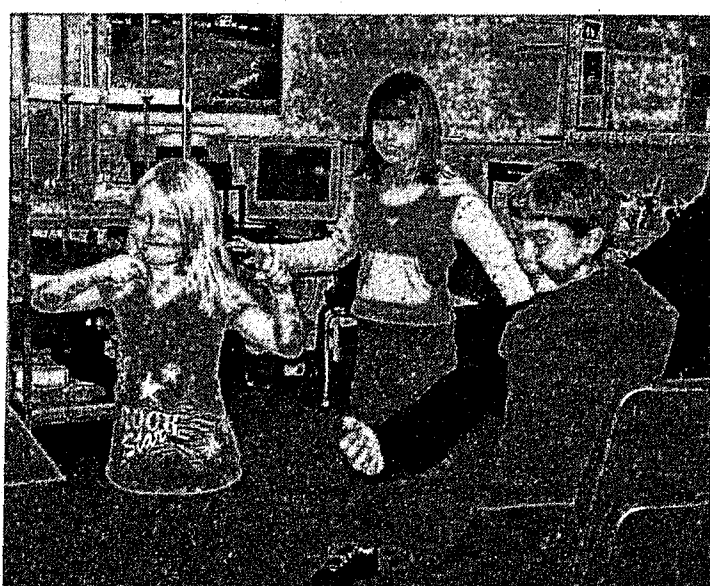
Julie Hart,  
MKA Director



Afternoon sledding at Crescent Park School.  
Back to front: Austin Westleigh, Isabel Chase, Jessica Aug, Peyton Meader.



Jake Chiasson posing for the camera.



Lexi Mack,  
Luci Rothwell,  
and Blake  
Rothwell move  
their bodies to  
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during a game  
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Caden Poland,  
doing the worm.



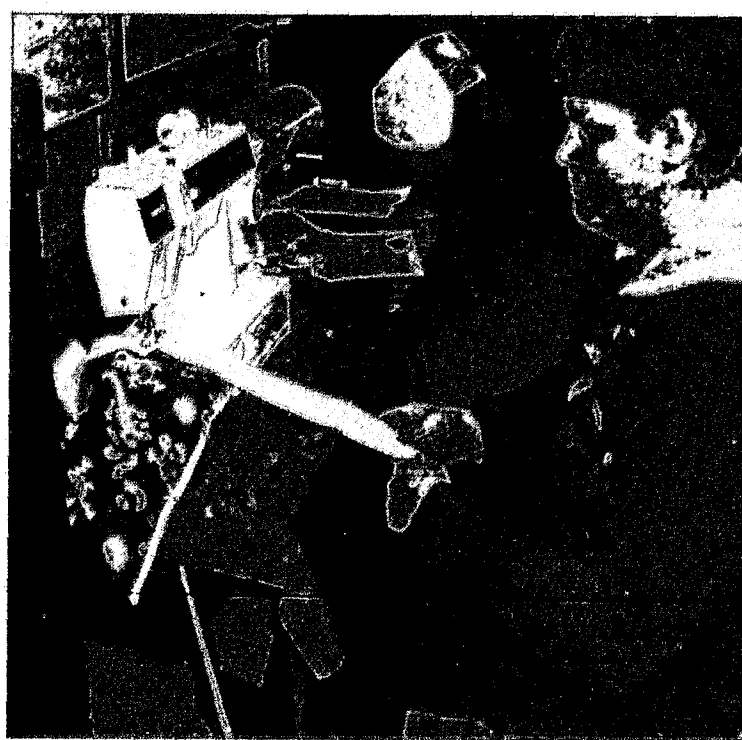
Wyatt Williamson concentrates on his easel painting.



Elek, Ben, and Josh  
playing Scrabble  
while waiting for  
basketball practice.



Rebecca Morin and Kaitlyn are enjoying  
a game of charades.



Harley sewing a winter hat.



Harley showing off his newly sewn hat.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Samuel R. Leddy and Patricia Early, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-24, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Samuel R. Leddy and Patricia Early to the Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and,

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, all and singular the premises described in said judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Use Period IV in Unit 149 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, a Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.

Said Quarter Share Estate and appurtenances are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all of the terms, provisions, conditions, restrictions, easements, covenants, obligations, reservations and encumbrances contained or referred to in said Declaration and said Plats and Plans, all of which are incorporated herein, as the same may be amended or modified from time to time.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Samuel R. Leddy and Patricia Early by Warranty Deed of Samuel R. Leddy dated September 7, 2005, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3806, Page 18. Reference is made to a Mortgage deed from Samuel R. Leddy to Northeast Bank, F.S.B., dated December 31, 1998, encumbering said premises, which is recorded in said Registry in Book 2655, Page 143.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Association at its place of business in Newry, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Association.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 1st day of February, 2010.

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: John S. Jenness, Jr.  
Its Attorney  
23 Market Square  
South Paris, Maine 04281  
(207) 743-2096

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Daniel F. Duquette, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-35, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Daniel F. Duquette to the Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and,

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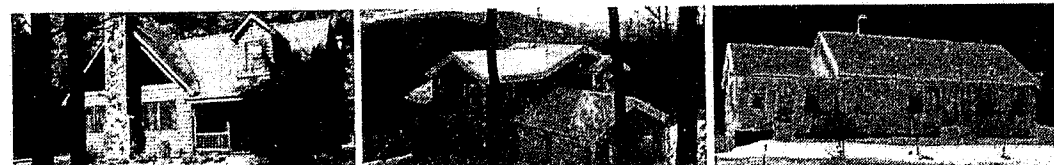
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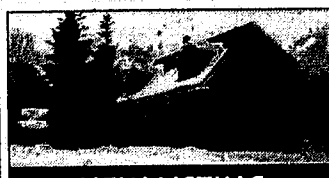
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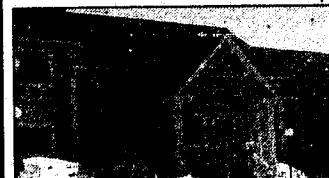
### NEW PRICE

**278 Paradise Rd, Bethel:**  
Oversized custom kitchen open to the family room, sun-in living room with fireplace & a large master suite with min views. Two-car garage, covered porch and expansive rear deck overlooking back yard. Basement is ready to be finished for additional living space. **\$569,000**



### NEW PRICE

**99 Dundee Rd, Albany Twp:**  
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**Millbrook Townhomes, 602/603:**  
Uniquely designed townhouse along 1st fairway at the Bethel Inn Resort. The 2-BR unit features a lockout master suite with bath, kitchenette, fireplace and patio. Private entrance gives lets owner rent out a portion of the townhouse while using the other. **\$359,000**



**718 Walkers Mills Rd, Bethel:**  
Conveniently located and affordably priced, this 3-bedroom, 1.5-bath home is situated on an elevated 2-acre lot. Slate tiled entry, hardwood flooring, living room plus a den/family room and an outbuilding. Updates include replacement windows and vinyl siding. **\$114,900**



**31 Mammoth Drive, Powder Ridge:**  
This 2-BR/4-bath, 6,800-sq-ft home is completely turn-key from furniture to linens & dishes. A separate lock-out unit can be rented or used for family & friends. The home boasts 2 hot tubs, pool with screened outbuilding & dressing rooms, home theater & more. **\$1,759,000**



**70 Deer View Lane, Bethel:**  
This 4-BR/2.5-bath home in Birchwoods subdivision was built in 2006. Open floor plan with a great room & living room with wood-burning fireplace, 1st floor master suite, 2nd floor has a master + 2 BRs & bonus room. Daylight basement offers expansion. **\$389,000**



**1 Frog Lane, Woodstock:**  
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**Lot 3 Otter Brook, Bethel:**  
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## Land

**NEW PRICE Lot 7, Hide-a-Way Lane, Bethel:** 1.19-acre lot in the Hide-A-Way Hills subdivision, only minutes from Bethel Village, has gorgeous mountain views. A septic system has been recently installed on the lot. **\$44,000**

**9 Vista Rd, Newry:** 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snowmobile trails near Mt. Will. Building package available. **\$149,900**

**Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 8:** 1+ acre lot along the 18th fairway. Convenient location off the main road, yet close to clubhouse, driving & putting ranges. Sunday River & Mahoosuc Range views. **\$185,000**

**39 Mason Street, Bethel:** This 1.6-acre in-town lot has great potential - for a home or a development project. Town water & sewer. Land has been surveyed. **\$179,000**

**Paradise Ridge Rd, Lot 2, Bethel:** This 1.4-acre lot offers a ready-to-go building site. Nice homes in the surrounding neighborhood, beautiful mountain views, southern exposure and walking distance to town. **\$64,900**

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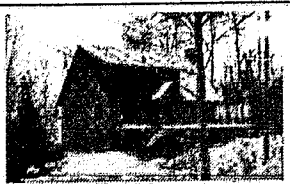



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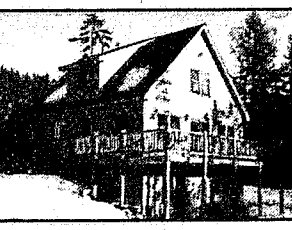
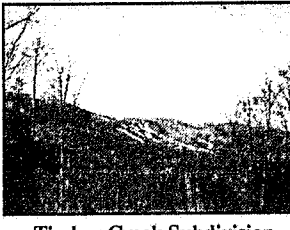
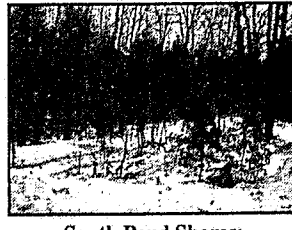
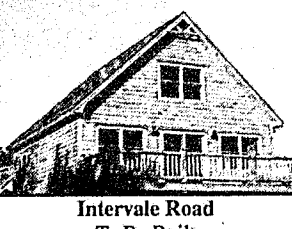
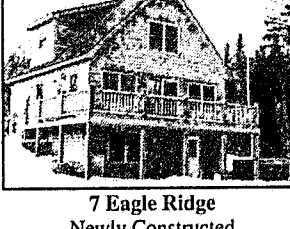
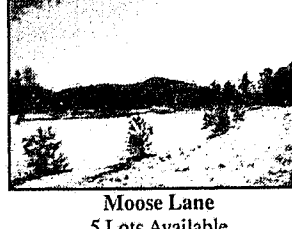
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You're right Jerry, it seems as though consumer confidence is resurfacing. People are looking at all sorts of properties... ski-in-ski-out condos, waterfronts, land parcels, log sided chalets, luxury town homes... The list goes on and on.

Well Ben, it is a great time to buy property, as the purchase prices are unbelievably reasonable with ever so competitive interest rates available through local lenders. Sellers can also take advantage of this phenomena when re-investing in the real estate market. All in all, it seems to be a win/win situation for consumers!

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# Obituaries



RYAN R. FITZPATRICK

Ryan Fitzpatrick was a man of integrity who walked this earth with pride and loyalty. He could light up a room by walking in, and his sense of quiet confidence reassured most people. A strong man with a sensitive heart, he had an immeasurable love for his family. He had a passion for the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisher, motorcyclist, and skier, enjoying most anything active.

Even with all his hobbies, Ryan was a hard worker as well. In high school, he played football and later coached youth football, where his talent and love for working with children was evident. By trade, Ryan was a plumber, working for Pillsbury's in Kennebunk from sunup most days. At his evening job, he cleared land and cut trees until the light was gone. Then, he would typically ride his motorcycle and could of

ten be heard singing karaoke at Bentley's. Weekends were spent with family and friends, often in the Maine woods. He truly got the most out of every day.

In the summer of 2008, he was severely injured in a motorcycle accident, ultimately losing a leg. In spite of his circumstance, Ryan overcame the difficulties with a smile on his face. He accepted the challenges that were put in front of him and became an influence to all around him. All summer, he worked at the Orthopaedics Associates' Parisi Speed School, in Saco getting ready for the winter, when he became a volunteer for the Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS) program and working at the Shipyard Brew Haus at Sunday River. Being at the mountain, he simply glowed. You could truly see his happiness that he had for meeting new people along with helping them. Again, he found a passion for helping young people pursue their goals. In the words of MHS, "He transitioned from student to instructor in record time, realizing quickly that he could do as much, if not more, good towards his own recovery by sharing his experience and knowledge with others."

"His prowess as a free skier also made him an obvious choice to help represent us on the adaptive race team that represents MHS and Sunday River throughout New England. This spring, he was

poised to mentor newly injured amputees and volunteer as a demonstrator at the orthopedic school at the University of New England.

Ryan was born on Jan. 31, 1985 to parents that love him immensely; David Fitzpatrick and Candace Forsley. On Feb. 11, 2010, his life was taken skiing, doing what he loves the most. Ryan was predeceased by his mother, Candace, and his grandparents, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Eli and Agnes Forsley. He is survived by his brother and sister, Benjamin and Abigail Fitzpatrick; his father, David; and his grandmother, Kay Fitzpatrick. He is loved and missed by many aunts, uncles, and cousins (45 in total); and his dear friends from Kennebunk (too many to count, but each deeply valued).

A funeral service was held on Monday, Feb. 15, at Holy Spirit Parish, St. Martha's Catholic Church on 30 Portland Road (Route 1) in Kennebunk, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Ryan Fitzpatrick to: Maine Handicapped Skiing, In Memory of Ryan R. Fitzpatrick, 8 Sundance Lane, Newry, ME 04261. If you knew Ryan, you'd know that he would strongly prefer your support of MHS to ephemeral flowers.

On behalf of Ryan, we thank you for respecting his wishes.

Ryan worked hard and played hard. He had his own outlook on life that many people admired. He discovered this quote by an unknown author that says: "Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved

body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting, 'Holy &#!'! What a ride!" Ryan loved this quote and he always said, "That's the way to live life!" and so he did. He took cautious risks that made his life so unique and so inspiring.

# Births

Wendy and Daniel Coffin of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl, Kylee Joy Coffin, born on Jan. 24, 2010, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Connie and Larry Coffin of Bryant Pond, Joyce E. Zimmerman of Belfast and Ralph and Joyce M. Zimmerman of Guilford.

Great-grandparent is Barbara Zimmerman of Dover-Foxcroft.

Kylee joins a brother, Ellis Coffin.

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Sarah and Chris DeCato of Auburn are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Isla Belle DeCato. Isla was born on Dec. 30, 2009 at Central Maine Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Judy Coolidge and Richard Cross of Bethel and Victor Coolidge of East Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Dana and the late R. Danny DeCato of Norway.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ernest and Alberta Angevine of Bethel.

Paternal great-grandparents are Helen DeCato of South Paris and Merline Martin of Norway.

# Weddings



## Mr. & Mrs. Gregory A. Dolbec

Katherine W. Davisson and Gregory A. Dolbec were married on Sept. 5, 2009 at Asticou Inn in Northeast Harbor, with reception following on site. The ceremony was officiated by Gordon Gayer.

Katie is the daughter of Mary Gale and Richard Davisson of Durham, N.H. and formerly, 1998-2004, of Bethel. She graduated from Gould Academy in 2001 and Williams College in 2005. After graduating in May 2010 from the University of Vermont College of Medicine, she will pursue a residency in emergency medicine.

Greg is the son of R. Edgar and Patricia A. Dolbec of West Newfield. He is a graduate of University of Southern Maine with a BS in business administration and is employed by Stowe Mountain Resort as a children's adventure program supervisor.

The maid of honor was Colleen Dolbec, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Danner Hickman and Jennifer Campbell. The best man was Christopher Hopkins. Groomsmen were Claton Conrad and Zeke Davisson, brother of the groom. Kyra and Hannah Fortier, cousins once removed of the groom, were flower girls, and Garrett Dolbec, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

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